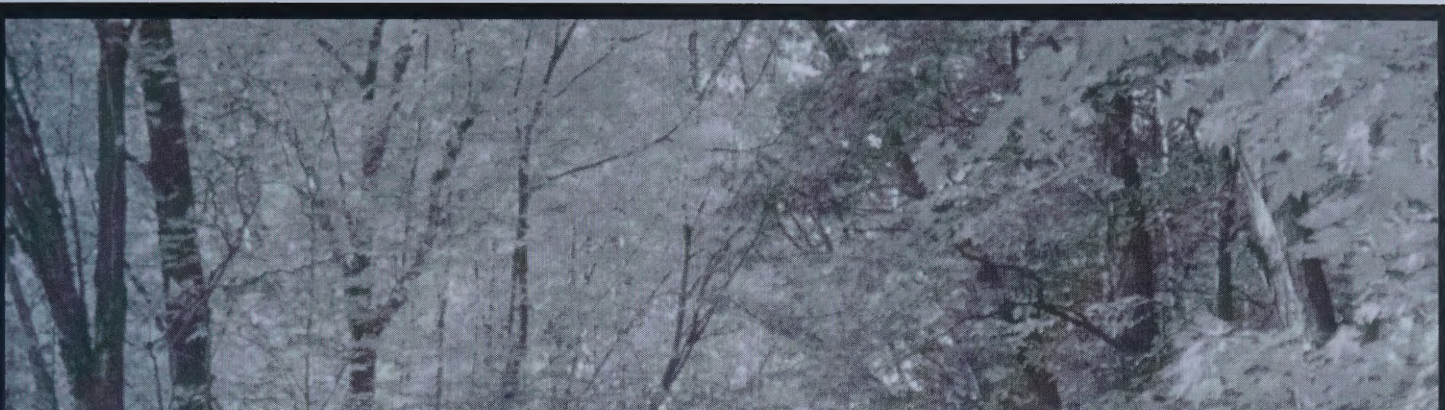


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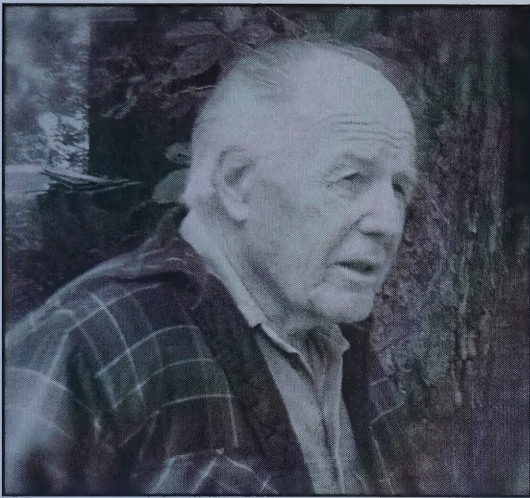
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Dedication

Charles E. Frost, 1915-2013

Born in Orono, Maine on April 28, 1915, an orphan, he found a home with a family in Revere, Massachusetts whom he would call family for the rest of his childhood. As the Great Depression fell upon the country he felt the need to help his family out and joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). For several years he helped shape the infrastructure of today's society; in fact he helped to build the original road over Burke Mountain, VT. In April 1934 he wed Alma Fredrickson in Milford, NH. During this time he worked on a milk wagon, a leather factory and as a cooper in a sugar refinery. His brother encouraged him to apply for a position in the postal service. He took a course at Boston College to prepare, did well on the exam, and became a temporary employee of the USPS. During this time

he worked days at the refinery and nights at the post office. Soon World War II broke out and Charles volunteered for the war effort in the U.S. Navy. Despite being denied five times, he managed to serve in Oran and Italy.

Upon his return from service their son Bruce was born. Charles and Alma returned to Stoneham, MA where Charles returned to service in the postal service. Eventually he would become superintendent of the Stoneham Post Office. On weekends Charles and Alma chose to take rides in the country, often traveling to NH where they would visit Alma's Aunt Minnie who lived on Wild Meadow Road in Grafton. That summer Charles and Alma spent a good deal of time at the homestead and in Fall 1963 they purchased the home. They spent seven years traveling the 100 miles back and forth until Charles retired after 33 years of service to the USPS. The family moved to the Grafton home for retirement.

The small sturdy home was built from a large portion of a dismantled barn (the original homestead had burned in a fire). The meager home did not provide much, but was a beautiful site with plenty of space and solitude. As they began to expand the home they came to know several folks in town: Ned and Ruth Haynes just over the line in Alexandria; Larry Palmer, who lived in the meadows; Grace and Millard Cushing, the man who solved all things mechanized; John Basset, native and road agent; James Thoresen, who knew all things construction; Bill and Laura Hewitt, purveyors and repairers of all things wheeled; the Phelps and Fords of Danbury, all familiar names of that day. The meadows and hills of this town shaped these people and made them who they are and in turn shaped each and every neighbor.

As a grandson of Charles Frost I grew up around these people, these were the people my grandparents and parents entrusted to shape my life. My grandfather did not participate much in politics, but he did, however, participate in a more important way of life. He listened a lot, said little, but what was said people took to heart. He lived in a time where neighbors did things for one another. Not for pay or accolade, but because it was needed and was reciprocated. That was the way it was.

Throughout my grandfather's 98 years he held a hidden passion: writing. Although he wrote throughout his life, the last thirty years were certainly the most productive. Funny thing was, about twenty years ago he found another form of communication, the computer. Night and day he sat o'er his Eastern window typing, musing, and hammering out his latest piece. He taught himself to type, to use the internet, and to eventually host a blog followed in 36 countries.

For the last 39 years I was able to absorb and learn from one of the last of the Greatest Generation. I came to find his writings were not merely the spinning of tales. He was leaving a manual, where every word and line were chosen and scripted with lessons of life. With his passing, he left over 700 poems to examine yourself. His book, entitled *Book of Words, Poems and Stories from the Eastern Window* was released just after his death. In the dedication this message he left: "My hope in creating this book of writings is to especially spur on the younger generation to realize their full potential. Sorrowfully, I did not follow that when young. Now though at the age of 98, I am not going to dwell on what I did not do...I am taking on the attitude of: 'I Can, I Will,' with the time I have left. Here now I am ninety eight and, I guess I'll move along at His will and that of His Father, I think, together and separately. The greater good, a great man."

Charles Frost's book can be found at the Grafton Library. His blog, <https://charlesfrostpoetry.wordpress.com>, is now in care of Bruce E. Frost.

-Sean Frost, Selectman

Town Officials

Selectmen's Clerk

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Sue Smith, 523-7700

selectmen@townofgrafftonnh.com

Selectmen

Stephen Darrow, Chair (2015)

Sean Frost (2016)

Leon Dugan (2017)

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Monday, Wednesday 5:15 pm to 8:00 pm

Friday 7:00 am to 11:00 am

Last Saturday of Month 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Bonnie Haubrich (2016), 523-7270

Angela Barry, Deputy

graftontaxcollector@gmail.com

Town Clerk email: graftontc2008@hotmail.com

Town Moderator

Susan Frost (2016)

Town Treasurer

Dorothy Campbell (2015)

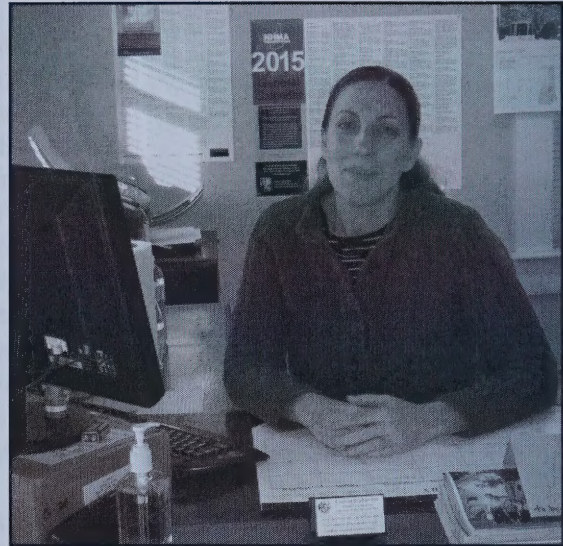
Shannon Poitras, Deputy

Budget Committee

Edward Grinley, Chair (2016)

Scott Smith (2015)

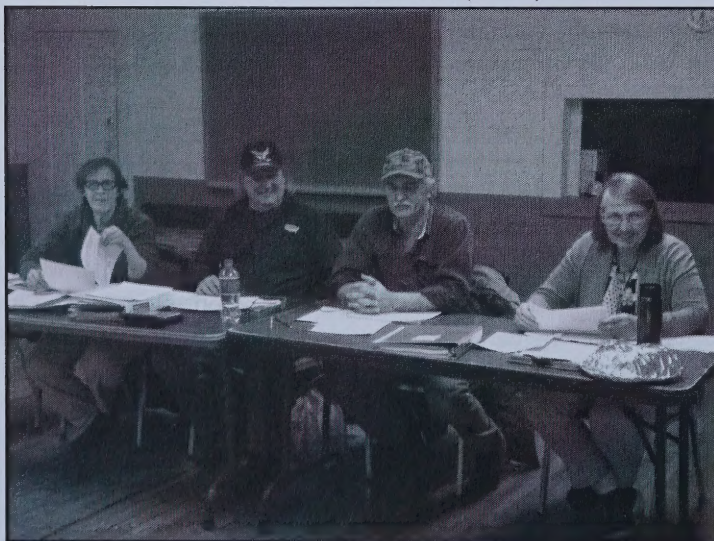
Catherine Mulholland (2017)



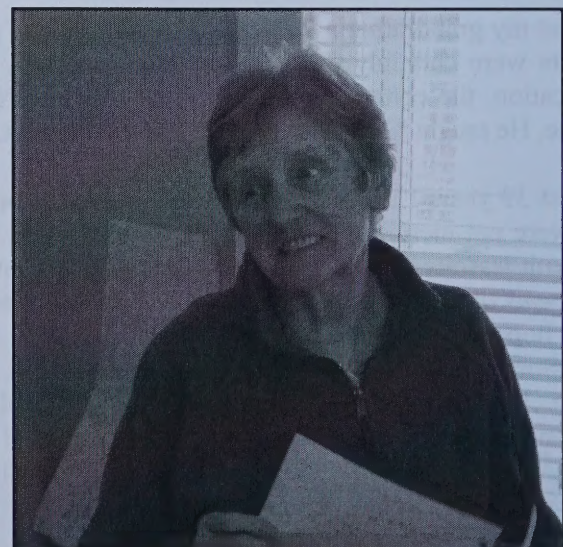
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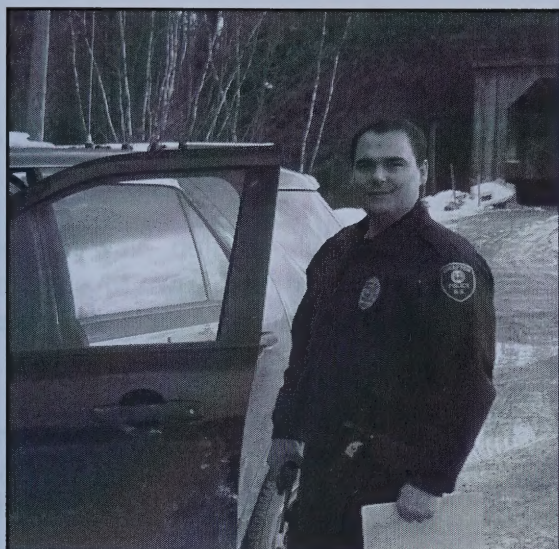
Bonnie Haubrich



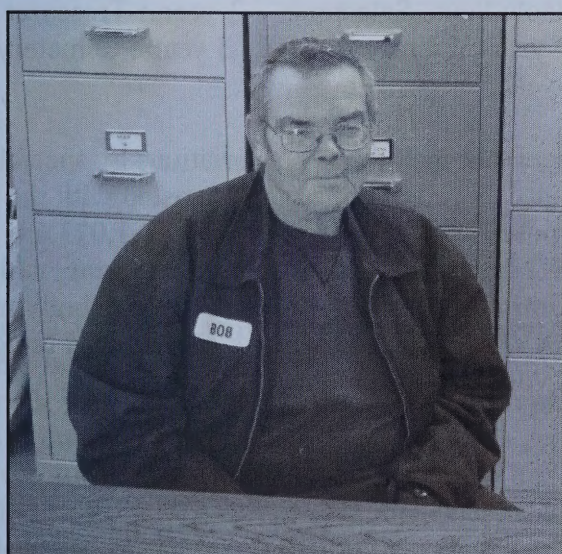
Budget Committee: Catherine Mulholland, Ed Grinley, Scott Smith, Sandi Pierson (minutes)



Dottie Campbell



Russell Poitras



Bob Bassett

Planning Board

Brian Fellers, Chair (2016)
 Sean Frost, Selectmen appointee (2016)
 Rosalie Babiarz (2015)
 Jay Boucher (2015)
 Martin James Dugan (2017)

Cemetery Trustees

Thomas Ploszaj, Chair (2017)
 Jean Alexander (2016)
 Louise Gallup (2015)

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Catherine Mulholland, Chair (2016)
 Jeremy Olson (2015)

Welfare Director

Janet Sullivan

Police Department

Russell Poitras, Chief, 523-7667 (2017)
 Norman Daigneault, Deputy

Fire Department

John Babiarz, Chief, 523-7500

Fire Warden

John Babiarz, 523-8836
 Kenneth Cushing, Deputy, 523-4569

Ambulance

523-4623

Highway Department

Robert Bassett, Road Agent, 523-7027 (2016)

Transfer Station, 523-9113

Wednesday and Sunday
 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Town Hall

Louise Gallup, Superintendent, 523-4426

Librarian

Deb Clough, Librarian, 523-7865
library@townofgrafftonnh.com

Library Trustees

James Griffin, Chair (2015)
 Genevieve Smith (2016)
 Mary Ann Smith (2017)

Supervisors of the Checklist

Marguerite Conley, Chair (2016)
 Jeff Weiss (2018)
 George Curran (2017)

Recreation Committee

Pam Grinley
 Edward Grinley
 Brad Grange
 Glenn Rodgers
 Donna Rodgers

2015 Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Grafton, in said State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Millbrook Christian Fellowship Church, Grafton, New Hampshire, on **Saturday the 7th of February, 2015 at 9:00 AM** for the first session of the Annual Town Meeting to discuss, debate and amend the town budget and all warrant articles listed below, except Article #1 (election of officers).

You are hereby further notified to meet at the Grafton Fire/Ambulance Station, Grafton, New Hampshire, on **Tuesday the 10th of March, 2015** for the second session of the Annual Town Meeting to vote by official ballot on elected officials and all warrant articles that are listed below. **The Polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**

1) To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, including: Selectman - 3 years; Treasurer -1 year; Budget Committee - 3 years; Trustee of the Trust Funds - 3 years; Library Trustee - 3 years; Cemetery Trustee - 3 years; Planning Board – 3 years and Planning Board - 3 years.

2) Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$1,023,681. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,019,224, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous actions of the Town of Grafton or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised budget only. It excludes special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately.

General Government

Executive	\$48,925
Elections/Town Clerk	33,911
Financial Administration	38,861
Reappraisal of Property	47,880
Legal Expense	15,000
FICA & Medicare	24,000
Planning Board	375
General Government Buildings	44,469
Cemeteries	7,700
Insurance	84,482
Advertising/Regional Dues	1,500
Contingency	2,000
Subtotal	\$349,103

Public Safety

Police	\$137,393
Ambulance	16,000
Fire Department	22,156
Emergency Management	100
Forest Fire Warden	1,000
Subtotal	\$176,649

Highway and Streets

Highway and Streets	\$355,215
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Street Lights	3,000
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Subtotal	\$358,215
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Solid Waste	\$89,005
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Health and Welfare

Health Agencies	\$8,964
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Health Officer	0
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Public Assistance	20,000
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Subtotal	\$28,964
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Culture and Recreation

Parks & Recreation	\$2,700
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Library	14,045
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Patriotic Purposes	300
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Subtotal	\$17,045
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Debt Service

Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)	\$4,700
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<u>Operating Budget Total</u>	<u>\$1,023,681</u>
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3) To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 6 year municipal lease-purchase agreement in the amount of \$175,511 for the purpose of leasing a fully equipped 2015 International 7600 6X4 dump truck with plow and sander, and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-two thousand one hundred eighty-six dollars (\$32,186) for the first year's payment for that purpose. The remaining yearly payments to come from the Highway Operating Budget. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.

4) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the previously established Bridge Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.

5) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of placing ledge pack on town dirt roads. (Majority vote required).

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.

6) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of paving town roads. (Majority vote required)

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.

7) To see if the Town will vote to expand the purposes of the existing Recycling Center Revolving Fund so that the funds may be utilized to offset all of the costs of the Recycling Center, including operating expenses, purchasing equipment, or any other expense associated with the Recycling Center.

8) Should Article #2, the proposed operating budget for 2015, fail to pass, then to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand four hundred eighty dollars (\$2,480) coming from the library fiduciary fund to be added to the default budget of the library. That sum being omitted from the 2014 operating budget because of a clerical error. This article will have no impact on taxation.

9) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the previously established Library Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.

10) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the previously established Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.

11) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of restoration of the Town's historical records. (Majority vote required).

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.

12) Resolved that the State of New Hampshire provide a comprehensive meaningful system of funding for State Education needs. To see if the Town will vote to ask our governor and our state legislators to reform state funding for education with that reform to be directed to significant reduction of property taxes. The record vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to the governor and state legislators informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

13) Shall the Town vote to adopt RSA 34:16 allowing municipalities to pay for investment services from capital reserve funds, if approved at town meeting, instead of including such fees in the annual town budget, to be paid by the town. If approved, such authority shall remain in effect until rescinded by the governing body. No vote by the governing body to rescind such authority shall occur within 5 years of the original adoption of such article. Any professional fees incurred shall be reported in the annual report of the trustees of trust funds as expenditures out of capital reserve funds. Passage of this article will not appropriate any new tax revenue and is self funded from earnings.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

14) To see if the Town will vote to prohibit all parking along Grafton Pond Road, to erect a total of up to a dozen signs in proximity to the dam in both directions which clearly display the ordinance and penalty, to distribute warning tickets and photo-document first offenses, and to authorize official Police, Fire, Ambulance, or Highway departments to order towing at owner's expense for repeat offenders or excessively unsafe first offenses. Grafton Pond Road, which is owned and maintained by the town, starts at the Enfield border, goes past Grafton Pond dam, and ends at the 3-way intersection with Kinsman Highway and Hardy Hill Road. This article is intended to reduce the current severe overuse issue at Grafton Pond, and to ensure there is a safe and reliable passage for residents and emergency vehicles. **(By Petition)**

15) To see if the Town will vote to have the Town of Grafton allow registered four wheelers to travel the roads of Grafton. **(By Petition)**

16) To see if the Town will vote to have all meeting minutes recorded and transcribed by a reputable outside source. (This is to avoid confusion when minutes are needed for court.) **(By Petition)**

17) To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Chief of Police to not prosecute any matter relating to the use or possession of cannabis (marijuana). **(By Petition)**

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

18) To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Select Board and the Budget Committee to reduce the operating budget by ten percent for the next three years. **(By Petition)**

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

19) To see if the Town will vote to establish an ordinance to discourage or otherwise prevent fraud and abuse of office at the local level. The title of this ordinance shall be "Fraud Remediation Ordinance for Small Towns" (F.R.O.S.T.). This ordinance requires any Town official found to have committed fraud, which includes the falsification of public documents, to be removed from office forthwith. **(By Petition)**

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

20) To see if the Town will vote to preclude the Town from paying the personal legal expenses and personal medical expenses of any Town official. **(By Petition)**

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

21) To see if the Town will vote to preclude immediate family members from serving on any Town board concurrently. **(By Petition)**

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

22) To see if the Town will vote to require all funding for the Grafton Public Library to be on a voluntary basis (no use of taxation). **(By Petition)**

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

23) To see if the Town will vote notwithstanding Warrant Article #2, to set the operating budget for Public Safety: Police at \$10,000. **(By Petition)**

The Selectmen do not recommend this article/ The Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

24) To see if the Town will vote to preclude any Town official and the use of any Town funds to cooperate with the National Security Agency (NSA). **(By Petition)**

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

25) To see if the Town will vote to preclude the Town from accepting any Federal military equipment in the future and to require the immediate sale at public auction of any military equipment previously received.

(By Petition)

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

26) To see if the Town will vote to preclude any Town official and the use of any Town funds to cooperate in any Civil Forfeiture proceeding. **(By Petition)**

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

27) To see if the Town will vote to preclude members of the Select Board (Selectmen) or Budget Committee from receiving payments from any accounts payable account of the Town of Grafton, in which they have voted to fund. **(By Petition)**

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

28) To see if the Town will begin the process of withdrawing from the Mascoma Valley Regional School District, in accordance with the process outlined in RSA 195:25. This article does not constitute a vote on whether the Town will leave the District, but solely acts to establish a study to determine the impact on both the Town and the District, such that voters in a future year may make an informed choice on this issue.

(By Petition)

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

29) To see if the Town will vote to withdraw from the multi-town agreement between the Towns of; Canaan, Enfield, Grafton, Hanover, Lyme, and Orford to share prosecutorial legal services, as the agreement has been breached because the legal services are not being performed by a NH Licensed Lawyer. **(By Petition)**

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

30) To see if the Town will vote to instruct State Representatives Steven Darrow, Robert Hull and Jeffrey Shackett to propose legislation to lower the amount of interest charged on delinquent property tax amount to be on par with the current prime interest rate. **(By Petition)**

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

31) To see if the Town will vote to instruct State Representative; Steven Darrow, Robert Hull and Jeffrey Shackett to propose legislation to repeal the licensing of dogs. **(By Petition)**

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

32) To see if the Town will vote to preclude the Select Board (Selectmen) from placing any opinion of any Warrant Article on the Warrant. **(By Petition)**

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

33) To see if the Town will vote to preclude members of the Select Board (Selectmen) or their immediate family members from bidding on or purchasing properties owned by the Town of Grafton. **(By Petition)**

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

34) To see if the Town will vote to preclude members of the Select Board (Selectmen) or Budget Committee of their immediate family members from bidding on contracts offered by the Town of Grafton. **(By Petition)**

The selectmen do not recommend this article.

35) To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Chief of Police to not prosecute any crime in which the victim is not a natural person. **(By Petition)**

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

36) To see if the Town will vote to require the Supervisors of the Checklist to register to vote, any qualified individual, at the deliberative session who wishes to do so. **(By Petition)**

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

Given under our hands and the seal the 26th day of January, in the year of Our Lord 2015.

A True Copy of Warrant. Attest: GRAFTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Stephen Darrow, Chairman

Sean Frost

Leon Dugan

2015 Budget

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

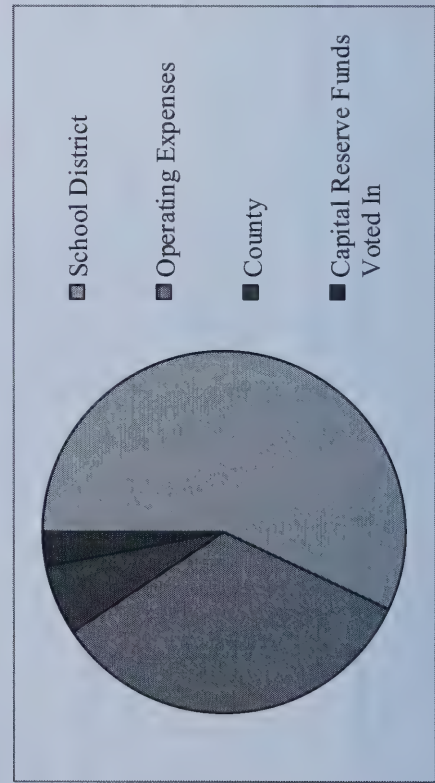
ACCT.#	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3,V)	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
General Government					
4130-4139	Executive	49,000	47,731	49,000	48,925
4140-4149	Election, Regular & Vital Statistics	32,583	28,073	33,939	33,911
4150-4151	Financial Administration	39,130	34,405	41,681	38,861
4152	Revaluation of Property	25,000	22,755	47,880	47,880
4153	Legal Expense	15,000	17,388	15,000	15,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	24,000	22,187	24,000	24,000
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	750	82	375	375
4194	General Government Buildings	201,604	78,561	44,469	44,469
4195	Cemeteries	8,000	6,444	7,700	7,700
4196	Insurance	85,249	81,067	86,211	84,482
4197	Advertising & Regional Assn.	1,500	1,492	1,500	1,500
4199	Other General Government	5,000	0	2,000	2,000
Public Safety					
4210-4214	Police	132,053	130,556	133,393	137,393
4215-4219	Ambulance	14,280	13,879	35,492	16,000
4220-4229	Fire	15,470	17,280	23,951	22,156
4240-4249	Building Inspection				
4290-4298	Emergency Management	100	50	100	100
4299	Other - Forest Warden	1,000	319	1,000	1,000
Airport/Aviation Center					
4301-4309	Airport Operations				
Highways & Streets					
4311	Administration				
4312	Highways & Streets	427,800	342,570	355,215	355,215
4313	Bridges				
4316	Street Lighting	2,700	3,031	3,000	3,000
4319	Other				

ACCT.#	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3,V)	Appropriations Prior Year As	Actual Expenditures	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
		Approved by DRA	Prior Year	(Not Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Sanitation					
4321	Administration				
4323	Solid Waste Collection	94,000	103,326	97,705	89,005
4324	Solid Waste Disposal				8,700
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up				
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal, Other				
Water Distribution & Treatment					
4331	Administration				
4332	Water Services				
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation, Other				
Electric					
4351-4352	Administration & Generation				
4353	Purchase Costs				
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance				
4359	Other Electric Costs				
Health/Welfare					
4411	Administration/Welfare				
4414	Pest Control				
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospital & Other	10,000	8,964	8,964	8,964
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance	20,000	18,696	20,000	20,000
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments				
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other				
Culture & Recreation					
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	2,400	2,388	2,700	2,700
4550-4559	Library	8,315	10,395	13,545	14,045
4583	Patriotic Purposes	300	185	300	300
4589	Other Culture & Recreation				

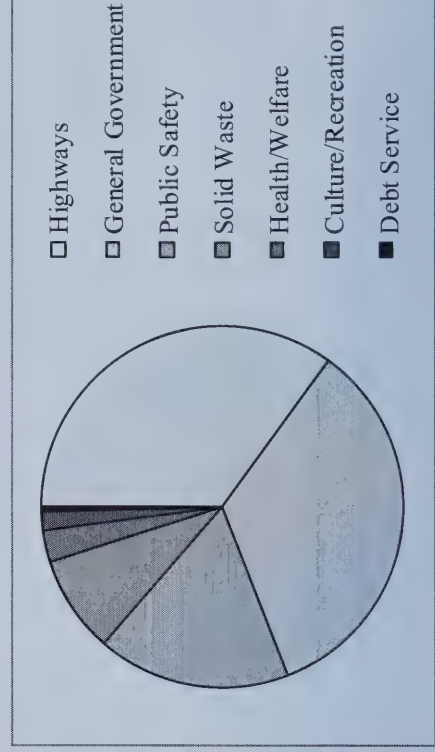
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Conservation					
4611-4612	Admin. & Purchase of Nat. Resources				
4619	Other Conservation				
4631-4632	Redevelopment & Housing				
4651-4659	Economic Development				
Debt Service					
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes				
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes				
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	5,000		5,000	4,700
4790-4799	Other Debt Service				300
Capital Outlay					
4901	Land				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment				
4903	Buildings				
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings				
Operating Transfers Out					
4912	To Special Revenue Fund				
4913	To Capital Projects Fund				
4914	To Enterprise Fund				
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds				
4919	To Fiduciary Funds				
Operating Budget Total		1,219,234	991,824	1,054,120	1,023,681
					34,939

ACCT.#	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3,V)	Warrant	Appropriations Prior Year As	Actual Expenditures	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
Article # Approved by DRA Prior Year (Recommended) (Not Recommended) (Recommended) (Not Recommended)						
Special Warrant Articles						
<i>Special Warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI as appropriations 1) In petitioned warrant articles; 2) Appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) Appropriations to or from a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) An appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a non-lapsing or nontransferable article.</i>						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund-Bridges	4			40,000	40,000
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund-Library	9			15,000	15,000
4916	To Capital Reserve Fund-Police Vehicle	10			5,000	5,000
Special Articles Recommended					60,000	60,000
Individual Warrant Articles						
<i>Individual warrant articles are not the same as Special Warrant Articles. An example of an individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.</i>						
4140-4149	Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	11			5,000	5,000
4312	Highways and Streets	6			40,000	40,000
4312	Highways and Streets	5			40,000	40,000
4550-4559	Library	8			2,480	2,480
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	3			32,186	32,186
Individual Articles Recommended					119,666	88,000

2014 Expenditures



2015 Budget



ACCT.#	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund	2		100	100
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes	2		7,500	7,500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes			10,000	10,000
9991	Inventory Penalties	2			
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 per cubic yard)	2	150	100	100
Licenses, Permits, & Fees					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2	172,683	150,000	150,000
3230	Building Permits	2	225	100	100
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2	7,874	1,500	1,500
3311-2219	From Federal Government				
From State					
3351	Shared Revenues				
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	2	65,326	55,000	55,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	2	129,246	120,000	120,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (including Railroad Tax)				
3379	From Other Governments				
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments				
3409	Other Charges				
Miscellaneous Revenue					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	2	4,076	1,000	1,000
3502	Interest on Investments	2	243	200	200
3503-3509	Other				
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds: <i>Sewer</i>				
3914	From Enterprise Funds: <i>Water</i>				
3914	From Enterprise Funds: <i>Electric</i>				
3914	From Enterprise Funds: <i>Airport</i>				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds	2,8	2,480	6,890	6,890
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				

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ACCT.#	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
9998	Amounts Voted from Fund Balance				
9999	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes				
Operating Budget Total			382,303	352,390	352,390

Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Selectmen's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	1,006,383	1,054,120	1,023,681
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	386,378	60,000	60,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	88,500	119,666	119,666
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,481,261	1,233,786	1,203,347
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	645,360	352,390	352,390
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	835,901	881,396	850,957

Budget Committee Supplemental Schedule

1. Total recommended by Budget Committee (from MS-737)	1,203,347
Less Exclusions:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds and Notes	
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds and Notes	
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds and Notes	
5. Mandatory Assessments	
6. Total Exclusions (Lines 2-5)	
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Lines 1-6)	1,203,347
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 7 x 10%)	120,335
Collective Bargaining Cost Items	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 9 and 10)	
Mandatory Water and Waste Treatment Facilities (RSA 32:21)	
12. Amount Recommended (Prior to Meeting)	
13. Amount Voted (Voted at Meeting)	
14. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 12 and 13)	
15. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting	1,323,682

2015 Default Budget

ACCT.#	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus Onetime Appropriations	Default Budget
General Government					
4130-4139	Executive	49,000	1,144		50,144
4140-4149	Election, Regular & Vital Statistics	32,083	500		32,583
4150-4151	Financial Administration	39,070			39,073
4152	Revaluation of Property	25,060	22,820		47,880
4153	Legal Expense	15,000			15,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	24,000			24,000
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	750			750
4194	General Government Buildings	64,426			64,426
4195	Cemeteries	8,000			8,000
4196	Insurance	85,249	962		86,211
4197	Advertising & Regional Association	1,500			1,500
4199	Other General Government	2,000			2,000
Public Safety					
4210-4214	Police	132,053	242		132,295
4215-4219	Ambulance	14,280			14,280
4220-4229	Fire	14,470			14,470
4240-4249	Building Inspection				
4290-4298	Emergency Management	100			100
4299	Other - Forest Warden	1,000			1,000
Airport/Avaiaation Center					
4301-4309	Airport Operations				
Highways & Streets					
4311	Administration				
4312	Highways & Streets	342,800			342,800
4313	Bridges				
4316	Street Lighting	2,700			2,700
4319	Other				
Sanitation					
4321	Administration				
4323	Solid Waste Collection	94,000			94,000
4324	Solid Waste Disposal				
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up				
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal, Other				

ACCT.#	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus Onetime Appropriations	Default Budget
Water Distribution & Treatment					
4331	Administration				
4332	Water Services				
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation, Other				
Electric					
4351-4352	Administration & Generation				
4353	Purchase Costs				
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance				
4359	Other Electric Costs				
Health/Welfare					
4411	Administration/Welfare				
4414	Pest Control				
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospital & Other	10,000			10,000
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance	20,000			20,000
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments				
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other				
Culture & Recreation					
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	2,400			2,400
4550-4559	Library	8,315			8,315
4583	Patriotic Purposes	300			300
4589	Other Culture & Recreation				
Conservation					
4611-4612	Admin. & Purchase of Nat. Resources				
4619	Other Conservation				
4631-4632	Redevelopment & Housing				
4651-4659	Economic Development				
Debt Service					
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes				
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes				
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	5,000			5,000
4790-4799	Other Debt Service				

ACCT.#	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus Onetime Appropriations	Default Budget
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Capital Outlay

4901	Land				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment				
4903	Buildings				
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings				

Operating Transfers Out

4912	To Special Revenue Fund				
4913	To Capital Projects Fund				
4914	To Enterprise Fund				
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds				
4919	To Fiduciary Funds				

Operating Budget Total	993,556	25,668	1,019,224
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ACCT.#	Explanation for Increases
4130-4139	2.4% raise in 2014
4140-4149	2014 WA#17 passed. Increased Town Clerk's stipend by \$500
4152	Contractual obligations—re-evaluation contract and assessing for 2015
4196	Contractual obligations—increase in health insurance
4210-4214	Contractual obligations for NHRS

Committee Reports

SELECTMEN

Another year has come and gone and time to put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard and reflect back on what has transpired in our pristine Town of Grafton.

First and foremost though, would be to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank each and every volunteer that has set aside their time to work toward the good of our small Town. There is no way to account for or to compensate those who donate their time and effort for the benefit of all who reside in Grafton. Without the help we receive from those who are able to contribute, we would not be able to function as efficiently as we can now. Its those folks who make our Town a better place in which to live.

It would be important to start off by mentioning last year's Deliberative Session as this is the chance for all to come together to make decisions, to see our fellow Graftonites, and certainly, to be both bored and entertained. To watch others pontificate and at times, to articulate our own point of view! When all was said and done, eleven hours had passed. The reason that our Deliberative Sessions are lasting longer are that there are an increasing number of petitioned articles. Any voter can petition for an article to be added to the warrant, provided they have enough signatures from registered voters. This year's ballot will include 23 petitioned articles.

As you might recall, last year we were immersed in how best to improve our buildings to meet the Department of Labor's standards for safety. This opened the door to a healthy debate - was this the time to expand our Town offices or did we need to consider that our small town of 1,300 might prefer not to have to endure the increased tax liability?

On election day in March the Townspeople made it clear that there was not an interest in spending tax dollars on any significant project, including rejecting an option brought to ballot by petition for a new office complex. The Board then moved forward to resolve this matter as quickly and efficiently as possible by converting our meeting space into a clean and spacious Town Clerk office. Yes, we all grumbled at first as we adjusted to new meeting places, but by now we have all come to see the benefit of working out a solution that satisfied the State and did not impact our taxes.

The Department of Labor also required that the town provide proper toilet facilities for the employees of the recycling center. An article was added by petition to install a new septic system and construct a bathroom. This article failed and again, the Board chose to remedy this as quickly and efficiently as possible by providing the recycle center employees access to the toilet facilities within the highway department building. The Department of Labor gladly accepted this proposal, all at no cost to the Town.

The library, however, has remained an open issue for the Department of Labor as they require toilet facilities by April 30th of this year. The library is actively working on this issue along with other plans. A petition article was placed on the warrant to purchase property on Library Road but it failed to pass. The Selectmen would like to express gratitude to Chester Gray, long time resident of Grafton, as he has generously purchased and donated this parcel to the Town for the sole use of the Library.

Although the fire station does have the necessary funding to overhaul the heating system, this has been an ongoing unresolved project. We have tabled this plan to allow additional time to properly implement and address design plans. There is ongoing litigation against the Town regarding this project.

Again this year, we managed to get by without using our line of credit and that resulted in savings on interest payments. The Board of Selectmen take very seriously the role we have of managing the prudential affairs of the Town. Within that realm, we work diligently to manage the Town's resources.

Please be sure to visit our website www.townofgrafftonnh.com for information pertaining to business and all public events in Town.

Once again, we invite and welcome all residents to become informed and involved in our Town of Grafton. Remember, the more that we come together, the more we can all benefit from our work! The Board meets the first and third Tuesday of each month. We look forward to seeing you!

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Darrow (Chairman)

Sean Frost

Leon Dugan



From left to right: Stephen Darrow, Sean Frost, Leon Dugan

ROAD AGENT

The start of the 2014 winter season proved to be a difficult time for the highway department as one employee was let go after putting the 2010 truck over an embankment on Cherry Hill Rd and another part-time employee got done. This left three employees with two big trucks and the pickup to plow all the roads and two big trucks to sand. With many long hours and dedication the three man crew dealt with everything that came at them during the winter months and spring.

Mud season 2014 was almost non-existing so the road crew started grading and hauling ledge pack for the many roads in town. This crushed ledge material is very cost effective and along with liquid calcium chloride make maintenance of the gravel roads much easier as they hold up much longer. Again, this year the Road Dept is asking for \$40,000 for ledge pack material and would appreciate your vote.

Winter sand was stockpiled early in April for the next winter season.

During the summer, the highway department graded, hauled ledge pack, raked, installed culverts, put liquid calcium chloride on roads, cut and chipped brush, and mowed a lot of roadsides.

In July we rented an excavator for a month from John Deere Co. and stumped, grubbed, installed new culverts and graveled seven tenths of a mile section of Razor Hill Rd from Smith's residence to Jukosky's residence.

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The stumps were hauled to Hammond for recycling and the grubbing was hauled to the Dugan's for bank fill.

A strait-line wind storm in July took down many trees around town that had to be cleaned up by the road crew. The worst of the storm hit Slab City Rd and Prescott Hill Rd taking down massive old pine trees. With help from the fire department and volunteers, the roads were open that night. I took four long days to clean up these town roads and hauled the brush and logs to Hammond's who took this debris at no cost. I would like to thank everyone who helped get these roads opened.

In August, Dennis Hill came back to the crew to run the grader and has stayed on the crew as a part-time employee to help plow and sand.

In September, Blacktop Inc. came to town and put the base paving course on the reclaimed and rebuilt section of Riddle Hill Rd. The road agent finish graded the road for paving and the road crew flagged traffic to save money. The warrant article this year is for putting the top wearing course on Riddle Hill Rd and grader shimming the bad sections of Slab City Rd, Prescott Hill Rd, and Hardy Hill Rd.

During the year the highway department worked on and maintained our fleet of aging trucks and equipment. This year we are asking for a new fully-equipped plow and sand truck to replace the "91" International that will not pass inspection because of a bad frame and rusted cab bottom.

In November, the crew got trucks ready for winter installing sanders and wings and doing maintenance on the fleet.

On 21 November, the Selectboard appointed the road agent to oversee the budget and all operations at the Transfer Station. The Selectboard also voted to purchase a used roll-off truck from Tim Lewis to haul rubbish, construction demo, glass, etc., by the highway employees to save money on hauling fees. Town highway employees Robert Bassett, Leif Hogue, along with Selectman Leon Dugan and Fire Chief John Babiarz went to class and received operation certificates for the recycling center.

I would like to thank my crew (Job Well Done!), all three selectmen, Administrative Assistant Sue Smith, and all other departments of the town for the great working relationship throughout the year. This makes my job so much easier. I would also like to thank all the taxpayers and townspeople of our great town for their support and appreciation for what we do throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Bassett, Road Agent

PLANNING BOARD

The Grafton Planning Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Town Offices. This year the Planning Board completed its work with a \$0 budget, thanks to Jeremy Olson who volunteered to be minute taker for the board. The Planning Board elected a new Chair in March.

In 2014 the Planning Board reviewed and approved two subdivisions, two voluntary mergers and one lot line adjustment. At the Selectmen's request, the board reviewed the donation of the property on the corner of Library Road and Route 4 and recommended that the donation be gratefully accepted, contingent on not spending any newly appropriated tax dollars as a result of the gift. The Grafton Planning Board wishes to thank the Town of Grafton for their support.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosalie T. Babiarz, Chair

VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE

At this writing, 1/28/2015, the Grafton Volunteer Ambulance Department has overcome organizational difficulties experienced in 2014 and is continuing to move forward with the mission of “providing high quality Professional Emergency Medical Services to the residents of the Town of Grafton.” The members of GVA are grateful for the ongoing support of town residents and will continue to require their support in a variety of new ways going forward. There are many small but important tasks that need attention and do not require EMS licensing or responding to calls. Please volunteer as a support member to take part in this effort and become one of the valuable members of GVA.

GVA received 94 calls for EMS services during 2014. Due to a shortage of available Grafton responders, Canaan FAST was called to cover approximately 40% of these calls. We are grateful to all the Canaan members who extended their efforts to assist Grafton during this challenging year. Our goal for 2015 is to add a minimum of four new EMT responders to the department so GVA has sufficient responders to cover the EMS requirements of Grafton residents. Anyone interested in finding out more about this rewarding opportunity should contact GVA at 523-4623.

Captain – position vacant

1st Lieutenant/Training Officer – Aaron Dugan, NREMT

2nd Lieutenant/Supply Officer – Kathy Lund, NRAEMT

Secretary – Jay Boucher, NREMT

Responder – John Babiarz, NRAEMT

Responder – Dotti Ernst, NREMT

Responder – Bob Hull, Driver

License in process – Cody Dugan

Testing in process – Tom Ploszaj

In Training – Reese Alexander

In Training – Maria Olsen

Support Member – Rosalie Babiarz



From left to right: Bob Hull, Cody Dugan, Dotti Ernst, Kathy Lund, Tom Ploszaj, John Babiarz, Jay Boucher

POLICE DEPARTMENT

I want to thank the people of Grafton, the State Police, Canaan police and Enfield police for all the help and support given to the Grafton Police Department. This is a challenging field that requires teamwork. With teamwork we not only make the town of Grafton a better place to live, we make the whole area a better place to live. I worked much of my time this year on 3 multijurisdictional cases with the above agencies resulting in grand jury indictments and convictions for crimes such as Child Pornography, Controlled Drug Sales, Theft and Burglary; the support from our surrounding agencies is not only helpful, it's needed. A handful of people have asked about the number and type of calls the police department has had. The above lists are the calls that got documented throughout the 2014 year.

I don't like showing such a list because it is not a good representation of what the department does; this is a direct result of not putting the calls into the police program that keeps track of calls. The more time we spend plugging information into the program is less time we are actively working criminal cases. This is not a good use of police time when the only thing generated is a list for the end of the year report. I encourage the public's feedback on such a list for future planning. Overall the police department has come a long way, we have more of what we need to serve Grafton, we are able to keep up on training, crime has steadily decreased since my first year, and in my opinion we maintain good relations with the people of Grafton.

Please stop in and have a conversation with me about the police department. I want the people in Grafton to know what we do and more importantly it helps us when we know what's going on in everyone's part of town. We look forward to another year serving the Town of Grafton.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Russell Poitras

Alarm House	4	DUI	1	Property—lost	4
Animal Calls	32	Fire permit issued	2	Road hazard/obstruction	3
Assist citizen	44	Fireworks violations	1	Sexual obscene material	1
Assist other agencies	34	Fraud	1	Suspicious person/vehicle/incident	7
Burglary	12	Follow-up	38	Subpoena service	27
BOL	2	House check	15	Shots fired	1
Criminal threat	1	House unlock	1	Sexual offender registration	16
Criminal mischief	1	Illegal dumping	1	Special service	1
Criminal trespass	2	Manner of Operation	2	Theft	11
Case follow-up	38	M/V calls/unlocks	31	Transport/prisoner	3
Citizen requested assistance	53	Missing persons	1	Unwanted subject	1
Civil Issue/Stand-by	18	Open door/window/gate	1	VIN inspection	15
Death/suicide	2	OHRV complaint	5	Warrant—criminal/civil	1
Drugs/possession	7	Paper service	29	Weapons permits	67
Domestic dispute	2	Police information	34	Welfare check	13
Disturbance	2	Property—found	4	911 hang-ups	6
Disorderly conduct	1	Property—returned	2		

RECYCLING CENTER

Over the past few years there have been many concerns raised as to the efficiency and growing budget of this department. In 2012 the budget was \$92,000 and was underspent by \$930. In 2013 the budget was \$94,000 and overspent by \$8,050 and in 2014 the budget was \$94,000 and overspent by \$9,326. The general feeling was that taxpayers were not getting the services for which they were paying. Coupled with the growing concern that funds in the recycling revolving account could be spent more effectively to offset this budget, there was a need to re-examine methods and approaches.

This is a topic we all felt needed attention immediately. In the last half of 2014 the selectmen were tasked by the townspeople to evaluate the feasibility of Zero Sort in Grafton. The selectmen evaluated results from two prospective contractors. After reviewing both presentations, the general feeling among the selectmen and prospective contractors was that, as of this time, financially Zero Sort was not a good fit. This is primarily because of the significant investment in facilities and equipment that the town has already invested.

After these consultations selectmen began investigating other potential ideas and methods to better increase both efficiency and reduce costs while improving relations with the public. Selectmen researched towns of similar size and visited some locations on their own time to gain insight.

One thing became very clear: given the facilities and employees we already have, there is the potential to become much more efficient. Significant changes had to be made, however. As many of you know, many of these changes have already been implemented.

In November the selectmen named Bob Bassett as public works manager (and overseer of the recycling center). In his six month volunteer position he will oversee the operations of both the highway department and recycling center.

The Selectmen, Bob Bassett and employees of the recycling center had a clean-up day. All loose trash on the property was cleaned up and the general organization of the yard was completed.

Recently the town lost its primary hauling contractor which would haul trash and recyclables to their appropriate facilities. When this business closed its doors we quickly found that our costs for those services would increase drastically. The previous contractor approached the town and offered to sell his truck and containers so that we could haul our own waste. Initially this proposition appeared to be prohibitively costly and the selectmen were hesitant to add any more equipment and responsibility to the system. Interested townspeople put together a comparison: the actual costs to buy, maintain the equipment, and pay an existing employee to haul waste compared to the rates imposed by a new contractor. This comparison showed that the former option's financial gain was overwhelming.

The way the system works now: we negotiate directly with waste and recycling facilities (no scheduling of third party haulers in hours of non-operation); highway department employees are being cross-trained to operate recycling facilities; all selectmen are or will be certified to run the facility; when a container becomes full, a highway department employee trucks it to the appropriate facility and then returns to normal duties.

Currently, the facility is operating with two employees. With the highway department cross-trained, employees help with bailing in down time. Cross-training has made both departments more efficient.

In the near future there will be changes to fee schedules, including unstripped furniture and mattresses, tires and electronics. Some prices will go up while others will go down to more closely reflect actual disposal costs.

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Another recycling option under review is the ability to certify employees to recover refrigerant from appliances and resell the refrigerant to the appropriate companies. Currently we pay an elevated rate to truck these items separately because of the refrigerant. The new system would allow us to sell both the refrigerant and the scrap metal. The costs and training requirements are still under review by the public works manager.

An immediate change you may have noticed is that when entering the recycling center you will be asked if you would like assistance. We encourage you to take advantage of this assistance as it makes the process more efficient by:

- 1) Ensuring materials end up in the appropriate container the first time, preventing contaminated loads which result in a loss of profit.
- 2) Reducing the time each person has to spend at the recycling center, producing a better flow of traffic.
- 3) Greatly reducing time spent by employees relocating waste in the wrong receptacles.

What you can do to help:

*Let employees help you locate proper receptacle and let them help you unload it.

*Recycle. We are paid by the ton for recyclables. It all counts!

Please note that the following items: **clay, light bulbs, windshield glass, metal caps, and floor tile** now go in dumpster. The accepting facility no longer allows these materials in the recycling.

We believe with changes already in place and those scheduled to take place next year the budget should be able to decrease.

We would like to thank Bob Bassett for volunteering for this position and thank the members of the community that helped to make these changes possible. Lastly, we would like to thank the employees of the recycling center and highway departments for their cooperation and support in allowing these changes.

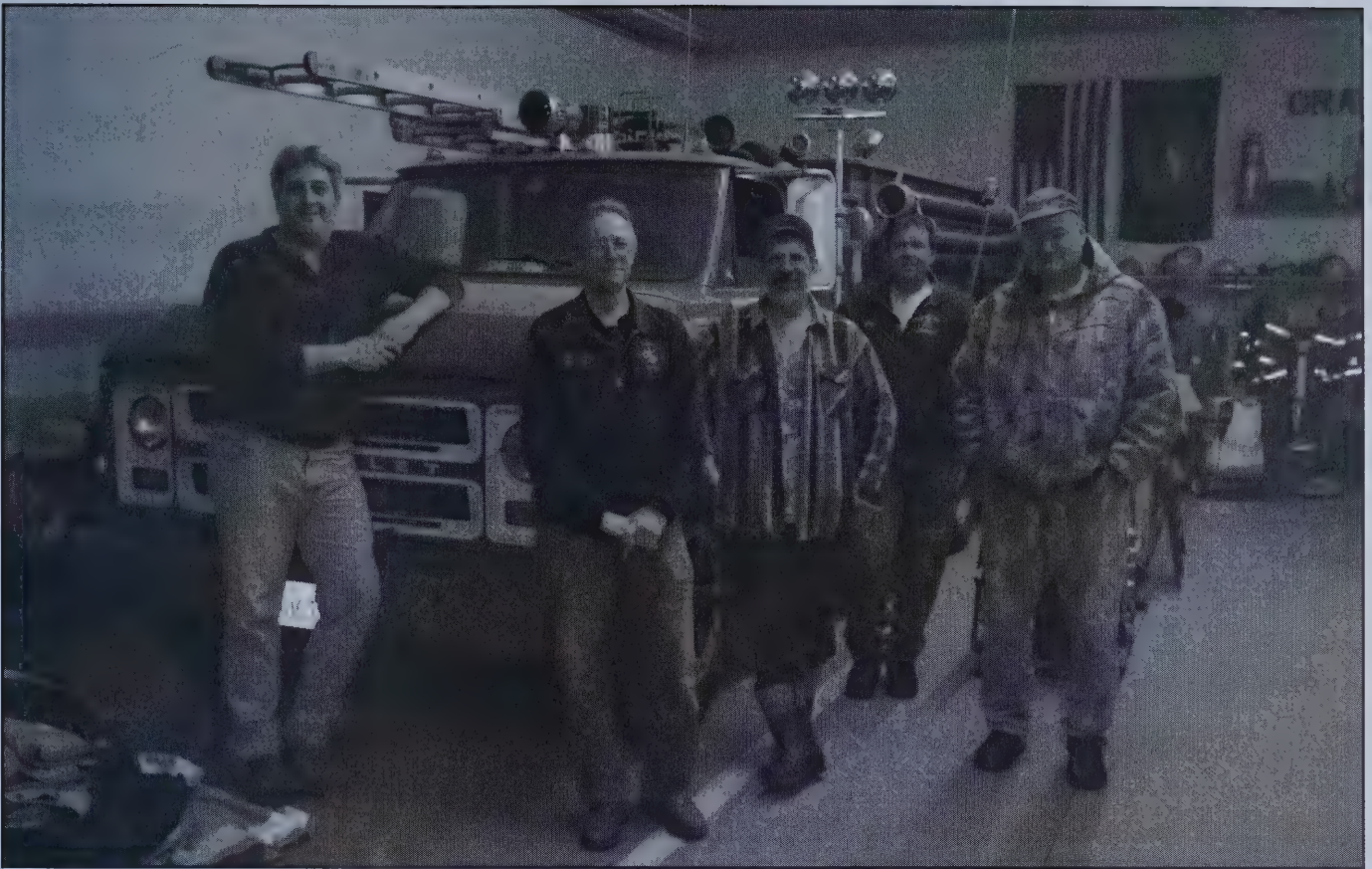
Thank you for your support!

Sean A Frost

Selectmen, ex-officio to recycling center.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2014	Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Electronics	4,731 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to power 0.79 houses for one year!
Paper	61.42 tons	Saved 1,044 trees!
Scrap Metal	29.08 gross tons	Conserved 29,022 pounds of coal!
Tires	5.08 tons	Conserved 5.1 barrels of oil!

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



From left to right: Steve Kudlik, John Babiarz, Tom Ploszaj, Jay Boucher, Bob Hull

RECREATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Grafton Recreation Committee I would like to take the opportunity to THANK the following. Glen, Donna & the Rodgers family, Ed Grinley, Adam Grinley and his wife Carissa, and Leif Hogue. These people spend a lot of time and energy helping with the July Celebration. Whether it be setting up, cooking or parking. Without them we would be at the end of celebrating. Any of the others who give any small amount of time are also thanked.

Over the past few years we decided to move our Halloween Activities into a Trick-or-Treat mode on Halloween Eve hoping we would contact more children. The number of children Trick-or-Treating in Grafton has cut down tremendously. We will be discussing if we should restart a Halloween Party at the Town Hall.

We have talked about moving the Children's Christmas Celebration back a few weeks in the hopes that more children and their families come to participate in activities and visit with Santa. We realize that there are many activities in the surrounding communities taking place over several weeks. We would like to have more of our locals participate.

We are encouraging locals to join us in celebrating activities, giving suggestions, helping with anything that needs assistance and providing great fun. Recreation meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Grinley, chair

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In January we officially received word that LCHIP (New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program) awarded Grafton a grant of \$42,000 toward the restoration of the East Grafton Union Church. This great news was tempered by the fact that we would have to raise a matching \$42,000.

We have two years to do so, so the race is on! Several successful grants move the Society closer to the goal: thanks to the Mascoma Savings Bank Foundation, the Byrne Foundation, and donations we have raised \$20,000 of the matching funds.

Of course, the grant field is incredibly competitive, and not all of our grant requests were honored. However, several options remain, including accessing the trust fund established in 1926 by Elvirus Folsom of East Grafton. To this date the trust fund reputedly has a balance of \$31,000, but it is held up in the New Hampshire court system. Many entities are involved: the former church trustees, the state bureau that oversees charitable trusts, the Town of Grafton and their trustees of the trust funds, attorneys, and us.

In the meantime, we continue to plan and hold various fund raisers to solicit donations for the church's restoration and our other properties: the carding mill, the Pines Schoolhouse, the tramp house, and the Museum.

Our 3rd Annual Race to Save the Mill attracted dozens of runners to town on a chilly Saturday in October. This popular event brought in \$1,000 for the carding mill's restoration and we are excited to put that money to good work this coming summer. We hope next years' runners will be impressed with the planned improvements—including site work and post and beam replacement.

This year ninety-eight visitors signed the guest book at the museum. Grafton's 4th of July celebration attracted a large number of these visitors, many of whom most likely did not sign the guest book due to such a crowd present that day.

In 2015 we plan to continue to serve our mission to procure and protect items of importance to Grafton's history. Keep an eye out for programs, fundraisers, and hands-on opportunities to restore our buildings. Remember that our Museum hours are Sundays between Memorial and Labor Days, 1:00-4:00. We look forward to sharing our passion for Grafton's history with you.

If you happen to be a virtual history fan, we invite you to visit our Facebook page (Grafton, NH Historical Society) or website, www.graftonhistoricalsocietynh.org.

During all this hubbub let us not forget what we have accomplished would not have been possible without the financial support and volunteer army of many supporters. We are one of New Hampshire's most active historical societies, and that title does not come without our occasional calls for residents and neighbors to donate time, money, and energy. Thank you so much.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth R. Cushing, President



Grafton, New Hampshire
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

— inc. 1994 —



From left to right: Gail Gagnon (secretary), Alice Sunnerberg (vice president), Jennie Joyce (treasurer), Bruce Sunnerberg, Ken Cushing (president), Mavis Dodge, Andrew Cushing, Mary Ann Guaraldi



2014's Race to Save the Mill participants

LIBRARY

Well, by the time you read this, the new year will be in full swing and we'll all be ready for spring, but as I write this in the first days of January, the temperature is in the single digits with a ferocious wind and headed below zero for the next several days. It's a good time to hunker down with a good winter read. 2014 was another very busy year at your library. It is now a very common occurrence when you visit the library to come in to a building full of townsfolk tapping away at the keyboards on one of our laptops or on their own device with our free Wi-Fi internet, or perhaps looking for a good book or movie, or just enjoying a good chat with a hot cup of coffee and a nice slice of a culinary creation the Buddha-Baker has bestowed upon us on a Wednesday morning. I just love sitting back and taking in the aura of community I feel watching a group of people exchange information, humor, and maybe a weather complaint or two. It is truly how I envisioned the future of the Grafton Library when I signed on as director.

Of course the big news is our ambitious goal of expanding the library. As your library director, I have listened and observed for the past five years to the benefits and shortcomings of our modest little entity. One thing many folks enjoy is our historic ornate building and the cozy and inviting atmosphere. I believe we can and should preserve that character while also addressing the obvious shortcomings of parking; accessibility, quiet study area, program space, collection expansion, energy efficiency and of course restroom facilities. The library trustees are currently engaged in creating a plan to meet these needs. And with the help of some fantastic people in the new Friends of the Grafton Library group that started up last April, we're really feeling optimistic about a future library that will be a greater resource for residents as well as enhance pride in our community. I encourage you to join this great group of positive people for a worthy cause.

And of course then we have Chester Gray. Mr. Gray, a "true gentleman," as those who know him speak, has provided all of us involved with this project the belief that our dreams will become reality. His acts of support for the library and the community are the type of civic deeds we should all strive to emulate for a better society. Oh, and by the way, did you know he once helped Boston Red Sox great Ted Williams babysit some kids? Ask him about it!

This year we have also had a change of staff. Our long-time and much loved library assistant Susanne Rowe has departed on a new endeavor. She was very instrumental in improving our library collection, especially the DVD selection; we will miss her and wish her the best of luck. Taking her place as our Wednesday night staff person is Aime Jacques. Aime had been volunteering 6-9 hours per week (and still does!), and is an inspiration to all. She has been performing most of the tasks required for inputting books and other media into our collection and on-line catalog. We also have hired two local people as back-up substitutes. Lori Dacier, a Grafton resident and assistant at Canaan Library, and Sandi Pierson, currently the Orange Selectmen's clerk and Grafton Budget Committee's clerk. It's a great crew!

Another great addition for the town and the library has been my new neighbor Adam Franz. Adam has become our go to guy for IT technical support and computer issues. He also volunteers on Monday nights and any other time he happens to be there to happily assist patrons as well. So, if you're struggling with your computer, tablet, or some other tech gadget, stop by and he'll help you tame the hi-tech jungle.

In April, resident Ernie Tomkiewicz volunteered a couple days to assist people with their tax filing. We hope to do the same for 2015.

We once again made the effort to have a children's reading program on a weekly basis. However, after lack of attendance, we decided to suspend it. We are very open to suggestions and/or volunteers who are interested in resuming this program.

Another item often requested is for Grafton to join the New Hampshire inter-library loan program. This will enable Grafton cardholders to borrow items from all other participating libraries in the state. This will greatly broaden our ability to respond to the needs of patrons. We have included funding for this venture in our 2015 budget request to achieve this goal.

During Grafton's Independence Day Celebration, we held our annual book (and DVD) sale. It was one of our most successful sales raising over \$500. Many folks worked hard including staff members, library trustees, and Friends of the Library members helping make the day fun and rewarding.

The staff would also like to thank the many townsfolk who donate books, DVDs, magazines and other items to the library. We are continually amazed at the quality of these donations. With our relatively small budget alone, we could not provide patrons with nearly enough new and interesting materials as well as a successful book sale.

So as we look forward to 2015, the library's mission to be an educational and recreational resource for the citizens of Grafton is succeeding and on the rise. If you have any ideas or suggestions you would like to discuss, please stop by. And don't forget to check out our Facebook page where you'll find a link to our whole catalog and many other items of interest. Hope to see ya!

The library would like to thank the following individuals for their support:

Ellen Williams: for her volunteer hours and spirit

On Shin: for her generous and fabulous Wednesday morning baking escapades

Sherry Cook: for a large donation of DVD's

Myra & Butch Johnson: wonderful and rare books

Don and Dewey Morse: financial support

Gen Smith: magazine subscriptions

Friends of the Grafton Public Library: the individuals putting time and effort into our mission

And now the numbers:

Patron Visits: 3434

Media borrowed: 5462

Internet Usage: 1272 (in library)

Media Donated: 2658 (for library and book sale use)

Media Added: 714

New Cardholders: 41

Total Cardholders: 311

Volunteer Hours: 605

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Clough, Director

Sharon Duffy, Asst. Director

Aime Jacques, Library Asst.

Lori Dacier, Library Sub

Sandi Pierson, Library Sub



Back row, left to right: Sandi Pierson (asst. librarian), Sharon Duffy (asst. librarian), Jim Griffin (trustee), Adam Franz (alt. trustee and tech support), Abbie Andrews (alt. trustee)
Front row, left to right: Aime Jacques (asst. librarian), Genevieve Smith (trustee), Ellen Williams (volunteer), Deb Clough (director). Missing: Laurie Dacier (asst. librarian), Maryann Smith (trustee)

FRIENDS OF THE GRAFTON LIBRARY

Nine months old and we've got LEGS.

The introductory meeting of the friends of the library was April 2014. We had 3 major goals for this year: 1) to form, operationalize, and officially register with the IRS, 2) to choose a handful of events which we felt could be successful, 3) prevent volunteer burnout and apathy. These were by no means stretch goals, but very important regardless. I am happy to report that nine short months later, we have met these goals and more. We are a registered 501c3. We have a website: friendsofthegraftonlibrary.org. We have regular monthly meetings (generally the last Sunday of the month at noon at the Town Hall- barring holidays.) We break bread together at a lunch potluck and then we have a zippy one hour meeting to cover the events of the coming month. We form subcommittees who are empowered to run their events, make decisions, and report back. We have fun.

On top of these not so lofty goals, we held our first Trunk-or-Treat and Scarecrow Contest on what we hope will be the location of the new library. We hope to see many more entries next year! We ran 3 major fundraisers which, in addition to very generous donations, raised over \$7,500.

Having now seen what this group can do, we have adjusted our goals for the coming year. We are now an entity. We have legs. And a library will not be built on \$7,500/ year in fundraising.

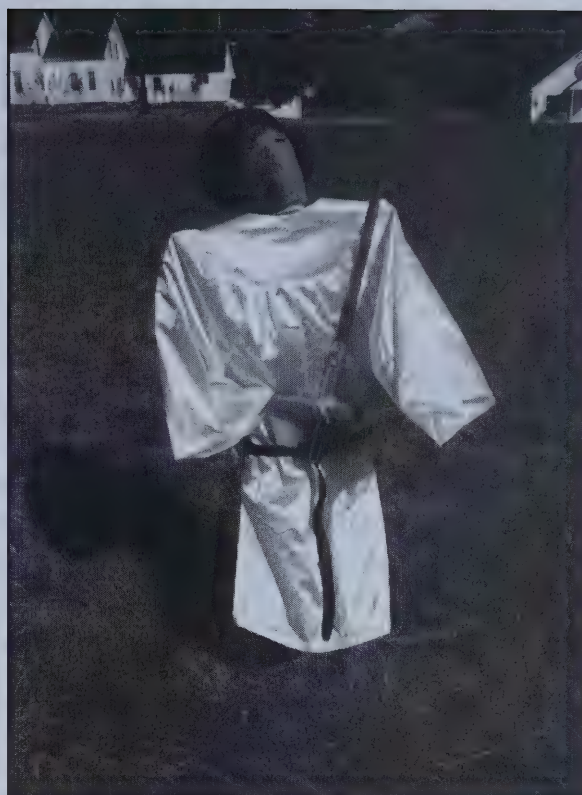
2015 goals are to begin grant-writing, to refine existing fundraisers to maximize income, and to sponsor more fun events.

The bottom line is that we are trying to fund a library that Grafton can be proud of with minimal impact to taxpayers. It has been a rewarding experience and I look forward to what the coming year brings. Please consider joining our effort if you are looking to have a positive influence on our community!

Respectfully submitted,
 Elaina Bergamini, Chair



The Library hosted a town-wide yard sale in August



Scarecrow contest on the land of the future library

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Regarding the 2014 library budget in the second article in the town warrant. The Library operating budget comes from two sources, from monies raised from town taxes and from funds controlled by the Library Trustees. The sum of these is referred to as the library gross budget. The gross budget must go through the budget process which consists of being approved by the budget committee and then appearing on the ballot for the town meeting. For 2014 the budget committee approved a gross budget for the library of \$10,795 with \$8,315 coming from the town and \$2,480 being supplied by the Library Trustees. Unfortunately when the town budget was prepared for the 2014 town ballot the gross budget for the library was presented as only \$8,315 which meant that only \$5,835 (\$8,315 - \$2,480) was approved to support the library by the town. This would not even cover wages for the library staff.

In order to keep the library open while operating within the unexpected new gross budget of \$8,315 and to limiting the negative effects on the town budget the following was done: 1) Only staff wages were charged to the town, 2) The planned purchases of two new laptop computers was postponed, 3) Planned programs were eliminated and 4) Needed supplies and other expenses were paid for with monies from donations received in 2014 and therefore could be spent. These were funds which were going to be put towards a possible new library. The result of all this was while the library operated within the approved gross budget, more town funds were spent than were proposed on the ballot. This warrant article on this year's ballot is intended to correct this situation if the 2015 proposed budget is rejected and the 2014 budget is defaulted to.

Regarding plans for our future library. In 2014, the possible building site on the corner of Library Road and Route 4 was approved by the Selectmen and the Planning Board. A Request for Proposals has been developed and will be released before 31 January 2015. The second warrant article for \$15,000 will set aside additional funds toward this project.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jim Griffin, Chair
 Genevieve Smith, Secretary
 Maryann Smith, Treasurer

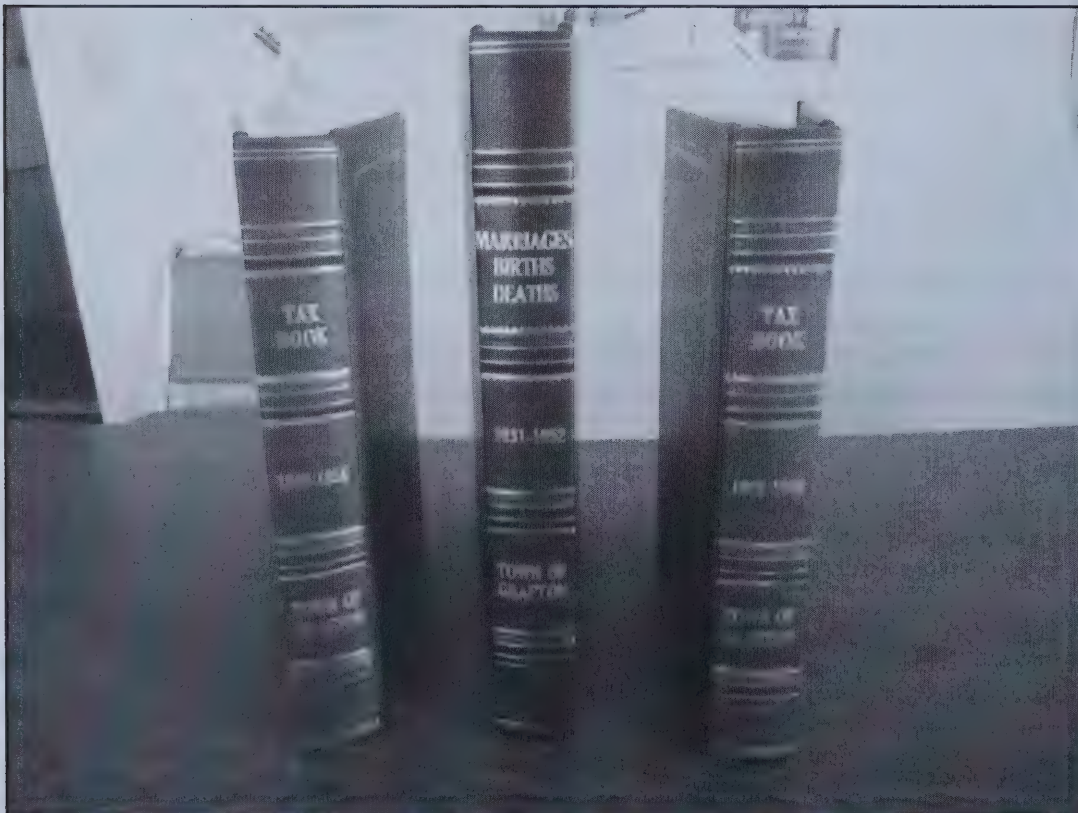
TOWN DOCUMENT RESTORATION

The NH Division of Historical Resources Conservation License Plate (Moose Plate) Grant Program awards grants for a maximum of \$10,000 for the preservation and restoration of publicly owned historic resources. A portion of the Moose Plate fees are dedicated to support grants that are then awarded to towns and nonprofits to perform projects related to historic preservation.

Bonnie Haubrich, Town Clerk, submitted and was awarded a grant on behalf of Grafton in 2014 in the amount of \$9,910. She also received a Moose grant in 2011 in the amount of \$9,973. In total there have been eleven books restored with these monies.

The Town of Grafton began the Historical Preservation Project approximately 24 years ago but for approximately 14 years the project was dormant. To date we have restored seventeen records with approximately thirty-five more to complete the project. These records dating back to the 1700s contain historical information such as land and town inventory, taxes, valuations, Town meetings, soldier rosters, births, deaths and marriages.

The historical value of preserving these records is priceless. It forms the basis of who and what we are today. These records tell the stories of our ancestors, our forefathers, our Town Fathers and the issues and concerns through the years. It paints the picture of Grafton's development. Bonnie recognizes this and has worked diligently to continue this preservation project. With the guidance of Kofile Preservation Bonnie chooses the records which are at most risk to deteriorate; prioritizing the order in which the records should be preserved. If these records are left unrestored this history would be lost forever. Many of these volumes are missing their binders, the pages are falling out and the script is fading.



These records and history belong to the Town of Grafton. The voters of Grafton recognize the importance of saving these records as shown by the support of a warrant article in 2014, which allowed for an additional book to be restored this year and hopefully, we will continue to support this effort in 2015.

TAX COLLECTOR AND TOWN CLERK

*“May you have warm words on a cold evening,
a full moon on a dark night,
and the road downhill all the way to your door.”
Irish Blessing*

It is hard to believe another year has passed and I sit here reflecting the events and changes that this year brought. On October 17th I lost a dear friend, Mary Warren, and the Town lost a valued townspeople. I miss Mary's weekly visits and the assistance she rendered when it was time to fold and stuff tax bills. I feel fortunate that I had Mary's friendship over the past 10 or more years.

The Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Offices moved upstairs in the Town Office last February. The office is much more conducive to do business and to benefit the townspeople. It is safer, cleaner and more efficient. Due to the fact that the offices (Town Clerk and Tax Collector) have been combined; the opened hours have increased for the Office of Tax Collector. Not only can a person pay their taxes when the office is open, but tax information is now available for those requesting it when they come in. The Labor Board who forced the move inspected the space after its construction and was satisfied that all of the safety issues had been addressed. Please note that handicapped people should use the ramp at the back of the building. There is a doorbell on the right of the door. Please ring the bell and I will come and open the door and assist you.

The Town Clerk's Office was very busy this year, processing approximately 2200 motor vehicle registrations as well as processing marriage licenses, marriage, death, and birth certificates, performing genealogy searches, and registering approximately 400 dogs.

Dogs, by law, are required to be licensed yearly by April 30th. As of June there is a monthly penalty of \$1.00 per month for nonlicensed dog and in July a \$25.00 forfeiture fine is levied. This year's fines amounted to approximately \$1500.00. If a person fails to license at that point the Selectmen have the right and responsibility to summons the owner to court, which results in a costly endeavor for both the Town and the owner. People ask how I knew they had a dog – the Veterinarian who gave your pet its rabies vaccination is required to notify the Town Clerk. If you no longer have a dog please notify the Town Clerk's Office as the Veterinarian does not notify us and it costs the Town for certified letters as well as time and effort of both the Town Clerk and the Police Department.

I get many requests from people inquiring what the delinquent tax balance is. As of today, December 27th there is an outstanding balance of overdue taxes of \$836,587.94, which range from the years 2007 through 2014. This is an extraordinary amount of money due to the Town and it increases every year.

As always, I appreciate your feedback. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with you!

Bonnie J. Haubrich
Tax Collector/Town Clerk

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Regional Reports



MVHI is a nonprofit public health organization serving the Upper Valley towns of Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton, Grantham, Hanover, Lebanon, Lyme, Orange, Orford, Piermont, and Plainfield. Our goal is to protect and promote the health of our community.

In 2014, appropriations from ten towns in the Upper Valley Region supported the Upper Valley Public Health Advisory Council, a regional collaborative working to leverage the diverse capabilities of our communities, health and human services providers, schools, and businesses to improve our regional response to public health needs. Over the course of the year, members developed the Upper Valley Agenda for Public Health, a set of regional priorities upon which to build collective action. We have launched an effort to provide evidence-based mental health training to school personnel and others working with youth; at the behest of several town managers, we are exploring how to build crisis intervention capacity to assist towns; and we are using multiple communication tools to bring non-traditional partners together.

MVHI is supporting two substance abuse prevention initiatives in the towns of Canaan, Enfield, Dorchester, Grafton, and Orange: 1) Indian River Youth 2 Youth after-school program, and 2) Mascoma Valley Prevention Network, a community coalition focused on reducing youth alcohol and drug abuse.

During 2014, our programs reached many people who live, work, and attend school in Grafton:

✦ **Immunizations:** MVHI disseminated information about free flu vaccines. We hosted four flu vaccine clinics in the region that provided 1,225 free flu vaccines to residents aged 10 and older.

Substance Misuse Prevention: During the 2013/2014 school year, 24 youth participated in the Youth 2 Youth program; two of whom were from Grafton. In the spring, Youth 2 Youth participants conducted the Samantha Skunk smoking prevention program to all kindergartners and first graders at the Canaan Elementary School. During the past year, MVPN participated in several school and community events to provide information and engage parents.

MVHI greatly appreciates the support we have received in the past from Grafton. We will continue to work hard to meet your needs in 2015 and hope Grafton will be able to restore funding to MVHI in the near future.



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GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

Centers for Senior Services

Horse Meadow Senior Center
(N. Haverhill 787-2539)

Linwood Area Senior Services
(Lincoln 745-4705)

Littleton Area Senior Center
(Littleton 444-6050)

Mascoma Area Senior Center
(Canaan 523-4333)

Newfound Area Senior Center
(Bristol 744-8395)

Orford Area Senior Services
(Orford 353-9107)

Plymouth Regional Senior Center
(Plymouth 536-1204)

Upper Valley Senior Center
(Lebanon 448-4213)

Sponsoring

RSVP & The Volunteer Center
(toll-free 1-877-701-7787)

ServiceLink of Grafton County
(toll-free 1-866-634-9412)

Grafton County Senior Citizens
Council, Inc. is an equal
opportunity provider.

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Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill, and Lincoln; and sponsors the Grafton Country Service Link Resource Center and RSVP and the Volunteer Center. Through the centers, Service Link, and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2013-14, 63 older residents of Grafton were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Mascoma Area Senior Center and 50 were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Grafton enjoyed 1,003 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- They received 2,644 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Grafton residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 1,709 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- Grafton residents received assistance with problems, crises, or issues of long-term care through 183 visits with a trained outreach worker and 135 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Grafton's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 558 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services to Grafton residents in 2013-14 was \$64,010.75.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical fragility, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical. Grafton's population over age 60 increased by 133.6% according to U.S. Census data from 1990 to 2010.

Grafton County Senior Citizen's Council very much appreciates Grafton's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director
Supporting Aging in Community



UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) has been providing professional planning assistance to municipal boards since 1963, when it was formed as the Upper Valley Development Council. The Commission is one of nine regional planning commissions in New Hampshire created to coordinate inter-municipal planning, act as a liaison between local and state/federal agencies, and to provide advisory technical assistance on land use and development issues. The Commission serves 27 communities in Grafton, Sullivan, and Merrimack County.

In 2014, the Commission was engaged in more than 30 local, regional and statewide planning projects. The year was highlighted by the completion of the draft UVLSRPC Regional Plan (available online at regionalplan.uvlsrpc.org). The vision, goals, and strategies presented in the plan are the result of the largest public outreach process ever undertaken by the UVLSRPC. Public input included guidance from the UVLSRPC Regional Plan Advisory Committee, analysis of the 27 municipal master plans from the region's communities, participation at special events around the region, meetings with municipal leaders, an online forum specific to the UVLSRPC region, and a telephone survey of residents of the region. While the UVLSRPC Regional Plan is advisory in nature, purpose, and effect, the plan is intended to strengthen the decision-making capacity of local governments by providing information and guidance that can support municipal master plans and policies.

The Commission also adopted the UVLSRPC Regional Broadband Plan in 2014. Broadband access remains a substantial challenge for both rural communities and businesses in our region. The Broadband Plan details the availability of (and gaps in) broadband services throughout our region, and identifies a series of strategies to achieve 20 Mbps Download/10 Mbps Upload speeds in all areas of our region by 2020. The Regional Broadband Plan is available online at www.uvlsrpc.org.

Christine Frost, who had served as Executive Director of the UVLSRPC since 2007, departed to become the Executive Director of the North Country Council. Rachel Ruppel, the Commission's GIS Coordinator since 2007, relocated to Bend, Oregon with her family. Similarly, Yutian Zhang, the Commission's Finance Manager since 2009, relocated to New Jersey with his family. We thank Christine, Rachel, and Yutian for all of their contributions to the Commission and wish them the best of luck in their new endeavors! Nathan Miller, the Commission's Planning Director, was promoted to Executive Director in March 2014. The Commission also welcomed Gregori Somoff as Finance Manager, Amber Boland as GIS Coordinator, and Meghan Butts as Assistant Planner.

Please feel free to contact me at (603) 448-1680 or e-mail me at nmiller@uvlsrpc.org to share your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Nathan Miller, AICP

Executive Director

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH
Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Grafton, NH

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, nonprofit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, VNH made 511 homecare visits to 15 Grafton residents. This included approximately \$12,112 in unreimbursed care to Grafton residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 307 home visits to 13 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services:** 204 home visits to 2 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots.

Grafton's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Jeanne McLaughlin, President & CEO (1-888-300-8853)

Financial Reports

INVENTORY of TOWN PROPERTY

Map/Lot	Location	Acres	Land Value	Bldg Value	Total
5-1143	Blood Road	2	20,100		20,100
6-1051	Razor Hill Cemetery	1.2	77,200		77,200
8-1169	Wild Meadow Road	3.3	13,600		13,600
9-1060	Grafton Pond Road	6.3	8,600		8,600
9-1142	Kinsman Rd. Cemetery	0.5	45,000		45,000
11-0067	Main Street	2.5	82,700		82,700
11-1045	348 Cherry Hill Rd	16	65,900	19,900	85,800
11-1147	Pine Grove Cemetery	3.8	84,500		84,500
11-1150	Highway Dept	4.4	49,100	115,200	164,300
11-1150	Recycle Center			57,600	57,600
11-1152	Huff Beach	0.7	105,300	1,500	106,800
11-1155	Main St. Town Common	0.5	17,500		17,500
12-244	124 Turnpike Road	0.8	34,500	56,700	91,200
12-1076	Grafton Town Hall	0.7	41,300	111,400	152,700
12-1148	E. Grafton Cemetery	0.5	49,000		49,000
12-1153	E. Grafton Christian Church	1.4	47,500	128,700	176,200
12-1153	E. Grafton Parsonage			70,000	70,000
13-885-5	Wild Meadow Road	5.25	32,600		32,600
14-315-A	33 Johnson Lane	2.41	41,200	7,400	48,600
14-1141	Hardy Hill Rd Cemetery	0.2	36,700		36,700
14-1218	NH Rt 4	3	28,100		28,100
16-0207	Grafton Rec Field	6.3	46,600	2,800	49,400
16-0903-2	Grafton Rec Field	3.68	43,000	9,100	52,100
16-0903-3	Grafton Rec Field	3.9	43,700		43,100
16-0903-4	Prescott Hill Road	1.8	40,400		40,400
17-1149	Main Street	0.5	50,000		50,000
19-386	Lafreniere Lane	33.7	59,700		59,700
20-1071	Prescott Hill Cemetery	0.8	71,200		71,200
21-1217	Dean Road	0.1	1,500		1,500
10S-31	Halfmoon Pond Road	0.5	22,800	25,800	48,600
11B-1224	Main Street	0.1	1,500		1,500
11E-1240	Sally's Point Road	0.1	11,400		11,400
16D-0610	7 Cherry Hill Rd School	0.02	3,000	36,700	39,700
16D-0649	Town Office Bldg	5.35	66,200	246,000	312,200
16D-0649	Volunteer Fire Station			272,200	272,200
16D-0649	Historical Society			77,100	77,100
16D-1210	Library Road	0.09	1,400		1,400
16D-1211	Grafton Library	0.1	18,800	71,900	90,700
Total			\$1,361,600	\$1,310,000	\$2,671,000

1 Value of Land Only - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B, and 4	Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation
A Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (pg 6)	19,715.95	\$1,376,341
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (Current Use Values) RSA 79-B (p7)	0	\$0
C. Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C (p7)	0	\$0
D. Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D (p8)	0.05	\$0
E. Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F (p8)	0	\$0
F. Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)	6,118.08	\$46,591,600
G. Commercial/Industrial Land (DO NOT Include Utility Land)	125.74	\$470,100
H. Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F and 1G)	25,959.82	\$48,438,041
I. Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	280.25	\$1,891,600
2 Value of Buildings Only - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, and 3B	Number of Structures	Assessed Valuation
A. Residential		\$71,203,150
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$4,310,900
C. Commercial & Industrial (Do not include utility buildings)		\$1,850,700
D. Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D (p8)	1	\$10,850
E. Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F (p8)	0	\$0
F. Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of Lines 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, and 2E)		\$77,375,600
G. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings		\$2,942,600
3 Utilities - See RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definitions		Assessed Valuation
A. Utilities (From p5 Grand Total of All A Utilities)		\$2,567,800
B. Other Utilities (From p5 Total of All Other Utilities)		\$0
4 Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		Assessed Valuation
		\$0
5 Valuation Before Exemptions (Total of Lines 1H, 2F, 3A, 3B, and 4)		Assessed Valuation
		\$128,381,441
6 Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a (Paraplegic & Double Amputees Owning Special Adapted Homesteads with VA Assistance)		
7 Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-bV		
8 Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a		
9 School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 For Each)		
10a Non-utility Water and Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a		
10b Utility Water and Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a		
11 Modified Assessed Valuation of All Properties (Line 5 minus Lines 6-10b) (This Figure Will Be Used To Calculate The Total Equalized Value For Municipal Property)		Assessed Valuation
		\$128,381,441
Amount Per Exemption	Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
12 Blind Exemption RSA 72:37 \$15,000		
13 Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a & b (p. 6)	10	\$197,500
14 Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b		
15 Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b \$10,000	5	\$50,000
	Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
16 Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70		
17 Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62		
18 Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66		
19 Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23 IV		
20 Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions (Sum of Lines 12-19)		\$247,500
21 Net Valuation Used To Compute Municipal, County, and Local Education Tax Rates (Line 11 minus Line 20)		\$128,133,941
22 Less Utilities (Line 3A) Do not include the value of other utilities listed in Line 3B		\$2,567,800
23 Net Valuation Without Utilities to Compute State Education Tax (Line 21 minus Line 22)		\$125,566,141
NOTES		

**Utility Summary: Electric, Hydroelectric, Renewable -
Misc., Nuclear, Gas/Pipeline, Water & Sewer**

List by individual company/legal entity the valuation of operating plants employed in the production, distribution, and transmission of electricity, gas pipeline, water and petroleum products. Include ONLY the names of the companies listed on the Instructions Sheets (See instruction page 12)

Who Appraises/Establishes The Utility Value in The Municipality? (If Multiple, Please List)	Avitar
If the Municipality Uses DRA Utility Values is it Equalized By The Ratio?	NO
SECTION A	
List Electric Companies - See page 12 in the instructions	Assessed Valuation
NH Electric Coop	\$1,534,500
Public Service Co. of NH	\$1,001,300
Granite State Electric Company	\$32,000
A1 Total of All Electric Companies Listed in This Section:	\$2,567,800
List Gas Companies - See page 12 in the instructions	Assessed Valuation
	\$0
A2 Total of All Gas Companies Listed in This Section:	\$0
List Water and Sewer Companies - See page 12 in the instructions	Assessed Valuation
	\$0
A3 Total of All Water and Sewer Companies Listed in This Section:	\$0
Grand Total Valuation of All A Utility Companies (Sum of Lines A1-3)	\$2,567,800
SECTION B	
List Other Utility Companies (Exclude Telephone Companies):	Assessed Valuation
	\$0
B1 Total of All Other Companies Listed in This Section:	\$0

Veterans' Tax Credits	Limits	*No. Individuals	Estimated Tax Credits
<u>RSA 72:28 Veterans' Tax Credit/ Optional Veterans' Tax Credit</u> \$50 Standard Credit \$51 up to \$500 upon adoption by city/town	\$500	75	\$37,500
<u>RSA 72:29-a Surviving Spouse</u> "The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States" \$700 Standard Credit \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town	\$700	0	\$0
<u>RSA 72:35 Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability</u> "Any person who has been honorably discharged from the military service of the United States and who has total and permanent service-connected disability, or who is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service-connected injury" \$700 Standard Credit \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town	\$2,000	6	\$12,000
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT *If both husband and/or wife qualify for the credit they count as 2. *If someone is living at a residence such as a brother & sister, and one qualifies count as 1, not one-half.		81	\$49,500

Disabled Exemption Report - RSA 72:37-b			Deaf Exemption Report - RSA 72:38-b		
	Single	Married		Single	Married
Income Limits	\$20,000	\$27,000	Income Limits	\$0	\$0
Asset Limits	\$40,000	\$50,000	Asset Limits	\$0	\$0

Elderly Exemption Report - RSA 72:39-a						
Number of First Time Filers Granted Elderly Exemption for Current Tax Year		Per Age Category	Total Number of Individuals Granted an Elderly Exemption for the Current Tax Year & Total Amount of Exemptions Granted			
Age	#	Amount Per Individual	Age	#	Maximum Allowable Exemption Amount	Total Actual Exemption Amount Granted
65-74		\$15,000	65-74	3	\$45,000	\$37,500
75-79		\$20,000	75-79	3	\$60,000	\$60,000
80+		\$25,000	80+	4	\$100,000	\$100,000
Total				10	\$205,000	\$197,500
Income Limits	Single	\$20,000		Asset Limits	Single	\$40,000
	Married	\$27,000			Married	\$50,000

Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive - RSA 79-E			
Adopted:	NO	If Yes, Number of Structures:	0

Current Use Report - RSA 79-A				
	Number of Acres Receiving Current Use	Assessed Valuation	Other Current Use Statistics	Total Number of Acres
Farm Land	536.62	\$247,639	Receiving 20% Recreation Adjust.	3,002.19
Forest Land	13,036	\$903,058	Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	
Forest Land w/ Documented Stewardship	5,397.12	\$210,432		
Unproductive Land	690.99	\$14,214		Total Number
Wet Land	55.22	\$998	Total Number of Owners in Current Use	245
Total	19,715.95	\$1,376,341	Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	410

Total Number of Acres	# of Owners	Assessed Valuation	Description of Discretionary Easements Granted (ie, Golf Course, Ball Park, etc.)	

Taxation Of Farm Structures & Land Under Farm Structures - RSA 79-F

Total Number Granted	Total Number of Structures	Total Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation Land	Assessed Valuation Structures

Discretionary Preservation Easements - RSA 79-D

Historic Agricultural Structures

Total Number of Owners	Total Number of Structures	Total Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation Land	Assessed Valuation of Structures
1	1	0.05	\$0	\$10,850

<u>Map</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Description</u>
000016	001206	000000	50	79-D Historic Barn

Tax Increment Financing Districts RSA 162-K			
	TIF #1	TIF #2	TIF #3
Tax Increment Finance District Name			
Date of Adoption/Modification (mm/dd/yy)			
A Original Assessed Value			
B + Unretained Captured Assessed Value			
C = Amounts Used on P2 (for tax rate purposes)			
D + Retained captured assessed value (* be sure to manually add this figure when running warrant)			
E = Current Assessed Value			
	TIF #4	TIF #5	TIF #6
Tax Increment Finance District Name			
Date of Adoption/Modification (mm/dd/yy)			
A Original Assessed Value			
B + Unretained Captured Assessed Value			
C = Amounts Used on P2 (for tax rate purposes)			
D + Retained captured assessed value (* be sure to manually add this figure when running warrant)			
E = Current Assessed Value			
List Revenues Received From Payments In Lieu Of Tax			
	Revenue	Number of Acres	
State & Federal Forest Land, Recreation and/or Flood control land from MS-4 acct. 3356 & 3357	0	0	
White Mountain National Forest Only acct. 3186	0	0	
	Revenue	List Source (s) of Payment in Lieu of Taxes	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	0		
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	0		
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	0		
Other from MS-4, acct. 3187	0		
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	0		
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	0		
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	0		
Other from MS-4, acct. 3187	0		
TOTALS	0		

March 11, 2014

General Government	
Executive	\$49,000.00
Elections/Town Clerk	32,083.00
Financial Administration	39,070.00
Reappraisal of Property	25,060.00
Legal Expense	15,000.00
FICA & Medicare	24,000.00
Planning Board	750.00
General Government Buildings	64,426.00
Cemeteries	8,000.00
Insurance	85,249.00
Advertising/Regional Dues	1,500.00
Contingency	2,000.00
Public Safety	
Police	132,053.00
Ambulance	14,280.00
Fire Department	14,470.00
Building Inspection	100.00
Emergency Management	1,000.00
Highway and Streets	
Highway and Streets	342,800.00
Street Lights	2,700.00
Sanitation	
Solid Waste	94,000.00
Health and Welfare	
Health Department	10,000.00
General Assistance	20,000.00
Culture and Recreation	
Parks & Recreation	2,400.00
Library	8,315.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00
Debt Service	
Interest on Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)	5,000.00
Operating Transfers Out	
To Capital Reserve Fund	89,000.00
Total Voted Appropriations	1,082,556.00

REVISED ESTIMATES for REVENUE for 2014

Source of Revenue	For use by Municipality	Reserved for use by DRA
Timber Tax	13,127	
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	28,600	46,000
Excavation Tax (\$.02 per cubic yard)	497	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	120,00	160,000
Building Permits	75	225
Other Licenses, Permits, & Fees	6,000	7,500
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	60,353	65,326
Highway Block Grant	123,766	129,246
Sale of Municipal Property	500	1000
Interest on Investments	200	
From Trust & Fiduciary Funds	4480	
Less Voted from Fund Balance	137,138	
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS		
Requested Overlay (RSA 76:6)	40,000	

TAX RATE CALCULATION 2014

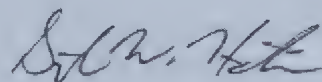
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Department of Revenue Administration

**EDUCATION TAX WARRANT
FOR TAX YEAR 2014**

December 13, 2014

To the Selectmen or Assessors of GRAFTON

In accordance with the provisions of RSA 76:8 II, you are hereby required to assess the sum of **\$310,000** for the 2014 Education Tax. Per RSA 76:3, this amount is based on a uniform rate of \$2.480/1000 of the 2012 equalized valuation without utilities in the amount of **\$125,009,412**.



Stephan W. Hamilton
Director
Municipal & Property Tax Division

TAX RATE CALCULATION 2014-15

Town/City:	GRAFTON			
Gross Appropriations	1,308,234			
Less: Revenues	614,739			
Add: Overlay (RSA 76:6)	40,205			
War Service Credits	49,500			
Net Town Appropriation		783,200		
Special Adjustment		0		
Approved Town/City Tax Effort		783,200	Town Rate: 6.11	
SCHOOL PORTION				
Net Local School Budget:				
Gross Approp. - Revenue	0	0	0	
Regional School Apportionment			2,569,254	
Less: Education Grant			(618,857)	
Education Tax (from below)			(310,023)	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort			1,640,374	Local School Rate: 12.80
EDUCATION TAX				
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x		\$2.480		
125,009,412			310,023	State School Rate: 2.47
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)				
125,566,141				
COUNTY PORTION				
Due to County		180,232		
		0		
Approved County Tax Effort		180,232	County Rate: 1.41	
Total Property Taxes Assessed		2,913,829	Total Rate: 22.79	
Less: War Service Credits		(49,500)		
Add: Village District Commitment (s)		0		
Total Property Tax Commitment		2,864,329		
PROOF OF RATE				
Local Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment	
Education Tax	(no utilities)	125,566,141	2.47	310,023
All Other Taxes		128,133,941	20.32	2,603,806
				2,913,829

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending 12/31/14

Balance December 31, 2013	\$947,160.65
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Received From:

Town Clerk	182,722.27
Selectmen	31,722.68
State of New Hampshire	203,780.04
Treasurer	406.43
Tax Collector	2,870,931.11

Total Receipts to December 31, 2014	\$3,289,562.53
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Selectmen Orders Paid	(\$3,459,264.27)
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Balance December 31, 2014	\$777,458.91
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Town Clerk Detail:

Auto Permits	172,532.57
State Fees	5,757.00
Auto Title	558.00
UCC	135.00
Dog Licenses	2,875.00
Marriage Certificates	195.00
Birth Certificates	150.00
Death Certificates	150.00
Copies & Faxes	7.70
Miscellaneous	362.00
Total	\$182,722.27

Selectmen Detail:

Sale of Town Property	3,850.74
Sale of History Books	280.00
Permits & Fees	4,389.00
Refunds	4,255.27
General Fund	18,947.67
Total	\$31,722.68

Treasurer Detail:

NSF Fees & Postage	181.49
Checking Account Interest	243.42
Bank Fees, Supplies	(26.48)
Total	\$406.43

State of NH Detail:

Highway Block Grant	129,535.37
Moose Plate Grant	8,919.00
Total	\$203,780.04

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AMBULANCE ACCOUNT**Balance December 31, 2014** **\$21,031.85****Receipts:**

Medicare Deposits 3,036.31

All Other Deposits 4,345.01

Total Receipts **\$7,381.33****Payments**

Training (2,824.21)

Comstar (697.32)

Town of Grafton (123.89)

Beltronics (3,588.00)

Frank's Auto (991.20)

Total Payments **(\$5,892.56)****Balance December 31, 2014** **\$22,520.62**

GRAFTON AMBULANCE FUND CD**Opened June 3, 2013** **\$60,000.00**

YTD Interest (@ 0.598%)

Balance December 31, 2014 **\$60,541.11**

RECREATION ACCOUNT**Balance December 31, 2013** **\$4,085.80****Receipts:**

Donations, Ads, Anonymous gifts, etc.

Total Receipts **\$5,643.23****Payments:**

American Thunder (5,000.00)

Fireworks

Ed Grinley (307.99)

Vanessa Grinley (17.74)

Total Payments **(\$5,325.73)****Balance December 31, 2014** **\$4,403.31**

SOLID WASTE ACCOUNT**Balance January 1, 2014** **\$40,763.94****Receipts:**Recyclables **\$7,821.33****Payments:**

Hammond (300.00)

Town of Grafton (2,720.64)

Canaan Hardware (141.91)

WD Matthews (100.78)

Tim Lewis (16,000.00)

Allstate (99.00)

Alan's Signs (185.00)

Green Oak Realty (140.00)

Maine Oxy (119.74)

W. Hackeman (25.00)

NRRA (161.75)

Total Payments **(\$20,493.82)****Balance December 31, 2014** **\$28,091.45**

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Campbell

DEBITS

YEAR ENDING 12/31/2014

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR*		LEVY FOR YEAR	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2014	2013	2012	2011+
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxx	\$346,007.48	\$0.00	\$0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxx	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	xxxx	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxx	\$0.00	\$356.23	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	xxxx	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxx	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Betterment Taxes		xxxx	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prior Years' Credits Balance**		(\$1,741.21)			
This Years' New Credits		(\$1,675.79)			
TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR			FOR DRA USE ONLY		
Property Taxes	#3110	\$2,870,086.00	\$0.00		
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	\$2,000.00	\$0.00		
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	\$23,209.52	\$0.00		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$496.54	\$0.00		
Utility Charges	#3189	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Betterment Taxes		\$0.00	\$0.00		
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS					
Property Taxes	#3110				
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120				
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Credits Refunded		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$3,581.72	\$26,311.15	\$40.88	\$0.00
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL DEBITS		(\$2,895,956.78)	\$372,318.63	\$397.11	\$0.00

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain:

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's amounts pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

**The amount is already included in the warrant & therefore in line #3110 as positive amount for this year's levy.

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CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	LEVY FOR YEAR	PRIOR LEVIES		
	2014	2013	2012	2011+
Property Taxes	\$2,486,014.92	\$213,385.83	\$0.00	\$0.00
Resident Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$21,647.23	\$0.00	\$199.73	\$0.00
Interest & Penalties	\$3,581.72	\$26,311.15	\$40.88	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utility Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$0.00	\$120,806.17	\$0.00	\$0.00
Discounts Allowed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	(\$1,741.21)			
ABATEMENTS MADE				
Property Taxes	\$2,872.00	\$4,188.48	\$0.00	\$0.00
Resident Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$156.50	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utility Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	\$2,418.00	\$5,169.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UNCOLLECTED TAXES -- END OF YEAR #1080				
Property Taxes	\$378,781.08	\$2,458.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Resident Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$1,562.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utility Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance*	(\$1,675.79)	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,895,956.78	\$372,318.63	\$397.11	\$0.00

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's amounts pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.
(Be sure to include a positive amount in the appropriate taxes or charges actually remitted to the treasurer.

DEBITS

UNREDEEMED & EXECUTED LIENS	2014	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2013	2012	2011+
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY		\$0.00	\$112,251.17	\$139,713.25
Liens Executed During FY	\$0.00	\$136,265.15	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens Beg of FY		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Elderly Liens Executed During FY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest & Costs Collected	\$0.00	\$1,393.24	\$5,115.98	\$29,834.90
TOTAL LIEN DEBTS	\$0.00	\$137,658.39	\$117,367.15	\$169,548.15

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		2014	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2013	2012	2011+
Redemptions		\$0.00	\$25,550.23	\$32,405.75	\$51,162.36
Interest & Costs Collected	#3190	\$0.00	\$1,393.24	\$5,115.98	\$29,834.90
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$462.37	\$8,202.33
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,354.45	\$9,431.81
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	#1110	\$0.00	\$110,714.92	\$75,028.60	\$70,916.75
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS		\$0.00	\$137,658.39	\$117,367.15	\$169,548.15

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis? (RSA 76:15-a) **YES**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Tax Collector's Signature Bonnie J. Haubrich Date 01/09/2015

TRUSTEES of the TRUST FUNDS FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year Ending
December 31, 2014

First Deposit	Name of Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			TOTAL		Ending Market Value
				Balance Beginning of Year	Additions-Withdraw Gain-Loss	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Net Income	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Principal & Income	
PERPETUAL CARE												
1918 - 1996	Perpetual Care	Lot Maintenance	Common TF	32,986.67	890.07	33,876.74	3,256.34	996.51	0.00	4,512.85	38,389.59	39,712.47
		Lot Maintenance	Common TF	19,826.96	532.56	20,359.52	2,015.18	596.20	0.00	2,611.38	22,970.90	23,762.43
1990	Pine Grove Cemetery	Total Perpetual Care		52,813.63	1,422.63	54,236.26	5,531.52	1,592.71	0.00	7,124.23	61,360.49	63,474.90
LIBRARY												
1945	Barney Flanders	Library	Common TF	2,131.01	51.96	2,182.97	0.00	58.18	0.00	58.18	2,241.15	2,318.38
1977	Ruth Leonard	Library	Common TF	1,811.38	44.16	1,855.54	0.00	49.42	0.00	49.42	1,904.96	1,970.60
	Total Library			3,942.39	96.12	4,038.51	0.00	107.60	0.00	107.60	4,146.11	4,288.98
PRIVATE TRUSTS												
1933	Kilton Fund	Health & Med. Services	Common TF	89,484.99	2,182.93	91,667.92	3,255.59	2,456.61	3,255.00	2,457.20	94,125.12	97,368.44
		Total Private Trusts		89,484.99	2,182.93	91,667.92	3,255.59	2,456.61	3,255.00	2,457.20	94,125.12	97,368.44
PRIVATE TRUSTS - OPERATING ACCOUNTS												
1994	Kilton Fund - Checking Acct	Health & Mascoma Bank	K	2,302.64	-240.00	2,062.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,062.64	2,062.64
	Total Private Trusts - Operating Accounts			2,302.64	-240.00	2,062.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,062.64	
TOWN CAPITAL RESERVES												
1970	Highway Department	Equipment	Common CRF	22,468.39	25,087.82	47,556.21	115.28	517.97	0.00	633.25	48,189.46	48,740.43
1982	Bridge Fund	Repairs	Common CRF	12,647.26	28.28	12,675.54	510.57	202.35	0.00	712.92	13,388.46	13,541.54
1982	Property Tax Revaluations	Revaluation	Common CRF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1988	Recreation Field Shelter	Recreation	Common CRF	37,532.71	83.05	37,615.76	1,097.12	594.07	0.00	1,691.19	39,306.95	39,756.36
1999	New Police Cruiser	Equipment	Common CRF	15,107.63	9,046.79	24,154.42	83.37	295.04	0.00	378.41	24,532.83	24,813.33
1999	New Ambulance	Equipment	Common CRF	22,007.97	48.83	22,056.80	702.25	349.26	0.00	1,051.51	23,108.31	23,372.52
2003	Fire Department Apparatus	Equipment	Common CRF	61,551.41	30,182.10	91,733.51	1,229.75	1,170.30	0.00	2,400.05	94,133.56	95,209.84
	Library Capital Reserve Fund	Library	Common CRF	8,189.89	25,057.57	33,247.46	324.57	301.61	0.00	626.18	33,873.64	34,260.93
2004	Storage Vault	Storage Vault	Common CRF	4,171.03	9.24	4,180.27	125.40	66.09	0.00	191.49	4,371.76	4,421.74
2006	Town Hall Repairs	Repairs	Common CRF	4,219.03	9.34	4,228.37	126.82	66.83	0.00	193.65	4,422.02	4,472.58
2006	Veteran's Park	Maintenance	Common CRF	3,064.02	6.78	3,070.80	92.08	48.53	0.00	140.61	3,211.41	3,248.13
2007	Recycling	Recycling	Common CRF	37,075.32	82.54	37,157.86	1,316.38	590.44	0.00	1,906.82	39,064.68	39,511.32
	Total Town Capital Reserves			228,034.66	82.54	317,677.00	5,723.59	4,202.49	0.00	9,926.08	327,603.08	331,348.72
GRAND TOTALS				376,578.31	93,104.02	469,682.33	14,510.70	8,359.41	3,255.00	19,615.11	498,297.44	498,543.68

LIBRARY STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS

<u>Salaries Paid By Town</u>		
January to December 2014	(6,584.75)	
Statement of Accounts Held By Library Trustees		
CHECKING ACCOUNT #****3604		
Beginning Balance 01-01-2014		2,677.12
Transfers to Director	(1,000.00)	
Transfer in from Town	1,303.36	
Library Materials	(406.00)	
Professional Development	(260.14)	
Supplies and Services	(58.14)	
Postage and Fees	(48.00)	
Unanticipated Funds	1,126.21	
Ending Balance		3,334.41
DIRECTOR'S CHECKING ACCOUNT #****9092		
Beginning Balance 01-01-2014		477.42
Receipts	114.81	
Transfers In From #****3604	1,000.00	
Refunds		
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Materials	(940.34)	
Professional Development	17.57	
Supplies	(305.38)	
Programs	(14.49)	
Postage and Bank Fees	(86.47)	
Ending Balance		263.12
SAVINGS ACCOUNT #***0253 (Cooper Memorial Fund)		
Beginning Balance 01-01-2014		844.79
<i>Transfer to #****3604</i>		(83.63)
ytd interest		0.45
Ending Balance 31-Dec-2013		761.61
SAVINGS ACCOUNT #****1789 (Library Improvement Account)		
Beginning Balance 01-01-2014		6,261.78
Interest		3.18
Deposit		144.00
Ending Balance		6,408.96
OTHER ASSETS		
Mascoma Bank CD #****9818	maturity date 5-13-15	5,017.48
<i>Mildred Braley Trust Fund</i>		
Interest (0.250%)		14.86
Ending Balance		5,032.34
Mascoma Bank CD #****9800	maturity date 5-13-15	17,310.30
<i>Burnham Trust Fund</i>		
Interest (0.250%)		51.29
Ending Balance		17,361.59
TOTAL ASSETS		33,162.03

DETAILED STATEMENT of PAYMENTS

	2014 Expended	2014 Budgeted	Over / (Under) Budget
General Government			
<i>Executive</i>			
Miscellaneous	2,573.31		
Postage	1,187.81		
Subscriptions	436.31		
Supplies	1,113.21		
Wages	41,867.47		
<i>Subtotal Executive</i>	47,178.11	49,000.00	(1,821.89)
<i>Elections/Town Clerk</i>			
<i>Supervisors of the Checklist</i>			
Miscellaneous	176.73		
Postage	11.75		
Supplies	53.05		
Wages	1,827.06		
<i>Total Supervisors</i>	2,068.59		
<i>Town Clerk</i>			
Elections	4,410.90		
License Fees to State	970.00		
License Fees to Clerk	12,695.00		
Postage	1,121.94		
Supplies	982.51		
Training	40.00		
Wages	4,508.75		
Wages, Election	1,275.00		
<i>Total Town Clerk</i>	26,004.10		
<i>Subtotal Elections/Town Clerk</i>	28,072.69	32,583.00	(4,510.31)
Financial Administration			
<i>Financial Administration</i>			
Audit	10,870.00		
Miscellaneous	1,729.85		
Printing	1,339.95		
Property Registration Charges	657.94		
Supplies	1,056.80		
Wages	6,339.00		
<i>Total Financial Administration</i>	21,993.54		
<i>Tax Collector</i>			
Miscellaneous	162.34		
Postage	2,419.91		
Supplies	444.37		
Fees	4,088.00		
Wages	5,240.00		
<i>Total Tax Collector</i>	12,354.62		
<i>Subtotal Financial Administration</i>	34,348.16	39,130.00	(4,781.84)

	2014 Expended	2014 Budgeted	Over / (Under) Budget
Reappraisal of Property			
Miscellaneous	22,754.92		
Subtotal Reappraisal of Property	22,754.92	25,000.00	(2,245.08)
Legal Expenses			
Miscellaneous	17,387.71		
Subtotal Legal Expenses	17,387.71	15,000.00	2,387.71
Planning Board			
Miscellaneous	52.00		
Supplies	30.13		
Subtotal Planning Board	82.13	750.00	(667.87)
General Government Buildings			
Computer Support	12,348.11		
Electric Bills	11,104.91		
Equipment	1,729.22		
Equipment Maintenance	888.00		
Heating Fuel	26,861.55		
Maintenance	151.10		
Miscellaneous	3,070.80		
Mowing & Trash Removal	7,793.00		
Phone Bills	12,594.14		
Repairs	287.16		
Security	982.50		
Supplies	395.03		
Wages	355.37		
Subtotal Government Buildings	78,560.89	201,604.00	(123,043.11)
Cemeteries			
Equipment	439.77		
Supplies	556.78		
Wages	5,887.50		
Subtotal Cemeteries	6,884.05	8,000.00	(1,115.95)
Insurance			
General Liability Insurance	17,755.91		
Health Insurance	47,054.89		
Life and Disability Insurance	1,499.00		
Unemployment	3,389.00		
Worker's Compensation	11,368.00		
Subtotal Insurance	79,207.30	85,249.00	(6,041.70)
Advertising & Regional Dues			
Dues	1,425.39		
Public Hearings	1,492.41		
Subtotal Ads & Regional Dues	2,917.80	1,500.00	1,417.80
Contingency			
Miscellaneous		2,000.00	
Subtotal Contingency		2,000.00	(5,000.00)
Total General Government	317,393.76	462,816.00	(145,422.24)

	2014 Expended	2014 Budgeted	Over / (Under) Budget
Public Safety			
Police			
Ammunition	1,556.75		
Animal Care	3,000.00		
Dispatch Fees & Pager Rental	18,086.61		
Fuel	6,277.72		
Legal Services	4,038.00		
Miscellaneous	1,406.25		
Postage & Box Rental	48.00		
Repairs	4,908.67		
Retirement - Town Paid	11,314.07		
Supplies	5,917.10		
Training	1,200.00		
Uniforms/Safety Equipment	2,973.77		
Wages	69,829.32		
Subtotal Police	130,556.26	132,053.00	(1,496.74)
Ambulance			
CLIA Fee	150.00		
Dispatch Fees	2,619.98		
Fuel	771.99		
Insurance Billing	0.00		
Medical Supplies	1,649.38		
Miscellaneous	132.40		
Oxygen	261.69		
Paramedic Intercept Fees	710.00		
Postage and Box Rental	48.00		
Radios and Pagers	414.12		
Supplies	11.99		
Training	4,911.92		
Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	2,197.90		
Subtotal Ambulance	13,879.37	14,280.00	(400.63)
Fire Department			
Dispatch Fees	2,367.76		
Equipment	7,211.43		
Fuel	719.14		
Maintenance	4,177.41		
Postage & Box Rental	69.00		
Repairs	396.63		
Supplies	1,743.65		
Training	595.00		
Subtotal Fire Department	17,280.02	15,470.00	1,810.02

	2014 Expended	2014 Budgeted	Over / (Under) Budget
Emergency Management			
Miscellaneous	50.00		
Subtotal Emergency Management	50.00	100.00	(50.00)
Fire Warden			
Wages	211.55		
Other - mileage reimbursement	107.52		
Subtotal Fire Warden	319.07	1,000.00	(680.93)
Total Public Safety	162,084.72	162,903.00	818.28
Highway & Streets			
Highway Department			
Chloride	9,212.00		
Culverts	5,080.40		
Drug, Alcohol, DOT Testing	151.60		
Fuel	37,008.81		
Miscellaneous	33,691.82		
Paving and Patching	66.80		
Repairs, Parts, and Supplies	56,091.30		
Salt	10,235.56		
Sand and Gravel	56,457.50		
Uniforms and Shoes	2,835.27		
Wages	133,938.91		
Subtotal Highway Department	344,769.97	427,800.00	(83,030.03)
Street Lights			
Miscellaneous	3,031.47		
Subtotal Street Lights	3,031.47	2,700.00	331.47
Total Highway Department	347,801.44	430,500.00	82,698.56
Solid Waste			
Solid Waste			
Dumping Fees	38,891.44		
Hauling	19,486.25		
Miscellaneous	2,332.65		
Repairs	461.00		
Supplies	553.70		
Uniforms	406.43		
Well Testing	4,481.00		
Wages	34,513.62		
Total Solid Waste	101,126.09	94,000.00	7,126.09
Health & Welfare			
Health Agencies			
Grafton County Senior Citizens...	2,964.00		
Visiting Nurse Association	2,500.00		
Tri-County CAP	2,500.00		
West Central Behavioral Health...	1,000.00		
Subtotal Health Agencies	8,964.00	10,000.00	(1,036.00)

	2014 Expended	2014 Budgeted	Over / (Under) Budget
Health Officer			
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	
Subtotal Health Officer	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public Assistance			
Burial	1000.00		
Food	295.02		
Fuel	4,544.24		
Miscellaneous	186.87		
Rent	8,143.13		
Utilities	1,989.35		
Wages	2,536.92		
Subtotal Public Assistance	18,695.53	20,000.00	(1,304.47)
Total Health & Welfare	27,659.53	30,000.00	(2,340.47)
Culture & Recreation			
Library			
Authorized Transfers	2,480.00		
Books	809.42		
Miscellaneous	436.49		
Supplies	84.45		
Wages	6,584.75		
Subtotal Library	10,395.11	8,315.00	2,080.11
Parks and Recreation			
Miscellaneous	2,387.56	2,400.00	
Subtotal Parks and Recreation	2,387.56	2,400.00	(12.44)
Patriotic Purposes			
Patriotic/Veteran	184.68	300.00	
Subtotal Patriotic Purposes	184.68	300.00	(115.32)
Total Culture & Recreation	12,967.35	11,015.00	1,952.35
Debt Service			
Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)		5,000.00	
Total Debt Service		5,000.00	
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	969,032.89	1,019,315.80	(50,282.91)

Non-Operating Budget Expenses	
WA #6, Library Capital Reserve Fund	25,000.00
WA #12, Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund	30,000.00
WA #13, Highway Dept. Capital Reserve Fund	25,000.00
WA #14, Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	9,000.00
Grafton County Tax for 2014	180,232.00
Mascoma School District for 2014	1,640,374.00
Total Non Operating Budget Expenses	1,909,606.00
GRAND TOTAL	2,878,638.89

2014 PAYROLL SUMMARY by EMPLOYEE

Name	Department	Wages	Amount	Total
Bailey, Darlene	Tax Collector	Regular	52.50	52.50
Barry, Angela	Town Clerk	Regular	1158.75	
		Auto Fees	525.00	
		Other Fees	34.00	
		State Fees	516.00	
		Title Fees	42.00	
	Tax Collector	Regular	187.50	2463.25
Bassett, Robert	Highway	Regular	39408.17	
		Overtime	11155.65	
		Sick Pay	584.22	
		Vacation	2382.43	
		Retroactive	2200.30	55730.77
Beckford, Bruce	Highway	Regular	86.25	86.25
Boucher, Howard	Highway	Regular	804.44	
		Overtime	91.52	895.96
Campbell, Dorothy	Financial Admin	Regular	4000.00	4000.00
Clough, Debra	Library	Regular	4425.25	
	Elections	Regular	150.00	4575.25
Conley, Marguerite	Checklist Supervisor	Regular	541.96	541.96
Curran, George	Checklist Supervisor	Regular	621.71	621.71
Curran, Pamela	Elections	Regular	300.00	300.00
Cushing, Andrew	Financial Admin	Stipend	1200.00	1200.00
Cushing, Kenneth	Fire Warden	Regular	211.55	211.55
Dacier, Lori	Library	Regular	48.75	48.75
Daigneault, Norman	Police	Regular	19155.20	
		Secretary	5786.12	24941.32
Darrow, Stephen	Executive	Stipend	2000.00	2000.00
Dimond, Douglas	Highway	Regular	28575.52	
		Overtime	5440.00	
		Sick Pay	1499.20	
		Vacation	2427.44	37942.16
Dubuc, Dereth	Library	Regular	146.25	146.25
Duffy, Sharon	Library	Regular	57.75	57.75
Dugan, Leon	Executive	Stipend	2000.00	2000.00
Emslie, Margaret	Executive	Regular	1410.00	
	Financial Admin	Regular	539.00	1949.00
Frost, Susan	Moderator	Stipend	100.00	100.00
Gallup, Louise	Executive	Stipend	300.00	
	Elections	Regular	300.00	600.00
Gallup, Travis	Highway	Regular	1638.00	1638.00

Continued...

Name	Department	Wages	Amount	Total
Grinley, Edward	Cemetery	Regular	1140.00	1140.00
Haubrich, Bonnie	Tax Collector	Regular	5000.00	
		Fees	4088.00	
	Town Clerk	Regular	3350.00	
		Auto Fees	5397.00	
		Other Fees	432.00	
		State Fees	5235.00	
		Title Fees	514.00	24016.00
Hill, Dennis	Highway	Regular	9402.78	
		Overtime	147.69	9550.47
Hogue, Leif	Highway	Regular	23610.96	
		Overtime	2878.51	
		Sick Pay	1115.83	
		Vacation	490.00	28095.30
Holland, Roy	Police	Regular	168.00	168.00
Hurney, Seth	Cemetery	Regular	2212.50	2212.50
Jackson, Richard	Solid Waste	Regular	10541.86	10541.86
Jacques, Aime	Library	Regular	906.75	906.75
Joyce, Wesley	Solid Waste	Regular	11495.89	11495.89
Joyce, Jennie	Executive	Stipend	400.00	
	Welfare	Regular	869.92	1269.92
Mulholland, Catherine	Executive	Stipend	300.00	300.00
Mulinski, David	Cemetery	Regular	2535.00	2535.00
Pierson, Sandra	Budget (minutes)	Regular	510.00	
	Library	Regular	29.25	539.25
Poitrass, Russell	Police	Regular	44720.00	44720.00
Poitrass, Shannon	Financial Admin	Stipend	600.00	600.00
Rogers, Cynthia	Elections	Regular	150.00	150.00
Rowe, Susanne	Library	Regular	970.75	970.75
Smith, Genevieve	Elections	Regular	300.00	300.00
Smith, Scott	Solid Waste	Regular	1568.85	1568.85
Smith, Sue	Executive	Regular	32280.12	
		Overtime	1248.46	
		Vacation	1594.70	
		Sick Pay	259.19	35382.47
Stockwell, Michelle	Solid Waste	Regular	10907.02	10907.02
Sullivan, Janet	Welfare	Regular	1667.00	1667.00
Warren, Mary	Elections	Regular	150.00	150.00
Weiss, Jeffrey	Checklist Supervisor	Regular	663.39	663.39
Wood, Robin	Maintenance	Regular	355.37	355.37
TOTAL PAY				332308.22



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Grafton
Grafton, New Hampshire

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Grafton as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our adverse and unmodified audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities

As discussed in Note 1-B to the financial statements, management has not recorded the capital assets and related accumulated depreciation in the governmental activities, and accordingly, has not recorded depreciation expense on those assets. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that capital assets, including infrastructure, be capitalized and depreciated, which would increase the assets, net position, and expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, net position, and expenses of the governmental activities is not reasonably determinable.

Adverse Opinion

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter described in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the government-wide financial statements of the Town of Grafton, as of December 31, 2013, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Grafton as of December 31, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Management's Discussion and Analysis - Management has omitted a Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by the missing information.

Other Information - Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Grafton's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund financial schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

November 18, 2014

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2013

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,014,400
Investments	217,016
Taxes receivables (net)	466,327
Account receivables (net)	7,585
Tax deeded property, subject to resale	27,343
Restricted assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	14,799
Investments	253,414
Total assets	<u>2,000,884</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	1,741
Intergovernmental payable	807,977
Long-term liabilities:	
Due in more than one year	672
Total liabilities	<u>810,390</u>
NET POSITION	
Restricted for library	29,940
Restricted for perpetual care	157,182
Unrestricted	1,003,372
Total net position	<u>\$ 1,190,494</u>

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

		Program Revenues		Net (Expense)
		Charges	Operating	Revenue and
		for	Grants and	Change In
	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Net Position
General government	\$ 338,273	\$ 2,356	\$ -	\$ (335,917)
Public safety	162,081	25,799	-	(136,282)
Highways and streets	318,690	-	123,560	(195,130)
Sanitation	106,174	14,777	-	(91,397)
Health	8,964	-	-	(8,964)
Welfare	18,005	-	-	(18,005)
Culture and recreation	18,447	4,948	-	(13,499)
Capital outlay	101,798	-	-	(101,798)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,072,432</u>	<u>\$ 47,880</u>	<u>\$ 123,560</u>	<u>(900,992)</u>

General revenues:

Taxes:	
Property	627,147
Other	17,082
Motor vehicle permit fees	175,997
Licenses and other fees	5,782
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	60,353
Unrestricted investment earnings	25,637
Miscellaneous	148,097
Total general revenues	<u>1,060,095</u>
Change in net position	159,103
Net position, beginning	1,031,391
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 1,190,494</u>

EXHIBIT C-1
TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2013

	General	Permanent	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 947,162	\$ 1,848	\$ 65,390	\$ 1,014,400
Investments	-	156,836	60,180	217,016
Accounts receivable	-	-	7,585	7,585
Taxes	598,327	-	-	598,327
Interfund receivable	1,502	-	-	1,502
Tax deeded property, subject to resale	27,343	-	-	27,343
Restricted assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	14,799	-	-	14,799
Investments	253,414	-	-	253,414
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,842,547</u>	<u>\$ 158,684</u>	<u>\$ 133,155</u>	<u>\$ 2,134,386</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 1,741	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,741
Due to other governments	807,977	-	-	807,977
Interfund payable	-	1,502	-	1,502
Total liabilities	<u>809,718</u>	<u>1,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>811,220</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable revenue - Property taxes	<u>484,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>484,662</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	27,343	147,042	-	174,385
Restricted	29,940	10,140	-	40,080
Committed	372,802	-	-	372,802
Assigned	-	-	133,155	133,155
Unassigned	118,082	-	-	118,082
Total fund balances	<u>548,167</u>	<u>157,182</u>	<u>133,155</u>	<u>838,504</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,842,547</u>	<u>\$ 158,684</u>	<u>\$ 133,155</u>	<u>\$ 2,134,386</u>

EXHIBIT C-2
TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2013

Total fund balances of governmental funds (Exhibit C-1) \$ 838,504

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Interfund receivables and payables between governmental funds are eliminated on the Statement of Net Position.

Receivables	\$	(1,502)
Payables		1,502

Property taxes not collected within 60 days of fiscal year-end are not available to pay current period expenditures, and therefore are deferred in the funds.

Deferred property taxes	\$	484,662
Allowance for uncollectible taxes		(132,000)

352,662

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Compensated absences		(672)
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Net position of governmental activities (Exhibit A) \$ 1,190,494

EXHIBIT C-3
TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

	General	Permanent	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 649,109	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 649,109
Licenses and permits	181,779	-	-	181,779
Intergovernmental	183,913	-	-	183,913
Charges for services	2,356	-	45,524	47,880
Investment earnings	12,911	12,546	180	25,637
Miscellaneous	148,097	-	-	148,097
Total revenues	1,178,165	12,546	45,704	1,236,415
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	335,517	2,306	-	337,823
Public safety	143,759	-	18,322	162,081
Highways and streets	318,468	-	-	318,468
Sanitation	102,051	-	4,123	106,174
Health	8,964	-	-	8,964
Welfare	18,005	-	-	18,005
Culture and recreation	12,614	-	5,833	18,447
Capital outlay	101,798	-	-	101,798
Total expenditures	1,041,176	2,306	28,278	1,071,760
Net change in fund balances	136,989	10,240	17,426	164,655
Fund balances, beginning, as restated (see Note 9)	411,178	146,942	115,729	673,849
Fund balances, ending	\$ 548,167	\$ 157,182	\$ 133,155	\$ 838,504

EXHIBIT C-4
TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

Net change in fund balances of governmental funds (Exhibit C-3)	\$ 164,655
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Revenue in the Statement of Activities that does not provide current financial resources is not reported as revenue in the governmental funds.	
Change in deferred tax revenue	(4,880)
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	
Increase in compensated absences payable	(672)
Changes in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit B)	<u>\$ 159,103</u>

EXHIBIT E-1
TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Fiduciary Funds
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
December 31, 2013

	Private Purpose Trust
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 2,303</u>
NET POSITION	
Held in trust for specific purposes	<u>\$ 2,303</u>

EXHIBIT E-2
TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Fiduciary Funds
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Private Purpose Trust
ADDITIONS	
Interest	\$ 3,362
DEDUCTIONS	
Trust income distributions	<u>3,727</u>
Change in net position	(365)
Net position, beginning	<u>2,668</u>
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 2,303</u>

EXHIBIT D
TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final	Actual	
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 598,317	\$ 598,317	\$ 644,229	\$ 45,912
Licenses and permits	164,477	164,477	181,779	17,302
Intergovernmental	184,119	184,119	183,913	(206)
Charges for services	-	-	2,356	2,356
Investment earnings	140	140	186	46
Miscellaneous	76,605	76,605	155,031	78,426
Total revenues	<u>1,023,658</u>	<u>1,023,658</u>	<u>1,167,494</u>	<u>143,836</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	463,265	467,625	327,879	139,746
Public safety	182,087	145,303	143,759	1,544
Highways and streets	369,792	315,400	318,468	(3,068)
Sanitation	92,000	94,000	102,051	(8,051)
Health	10,964	8,964	8,964	-
Welfare	33,000	25,000	18,005	6,995
Culture and recreation	15,094	16,054	8,459	7,595
Debt service:				
Interest	9,000	6,000	-	6,000
Capital outlay	1,100	97,956	101,798	(3,842)
Total expenditures	<u>1,176,302</u>	<u>1,176,302</u>	<u>1,029,383</u>	<u>146,919</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(152,644)</u>	<u>(152,644)</u>	<u>138,111</u>	<u>290,755</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	51,764	51,764	54,413	2,649
Transfers out	(36,500)	(36,500)	(37,047)	547
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>15,264</u>	<u>15,264</u>	<u>17,366</u>	<u>3,196</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ (137,380)</u>	<u>\$ (137,380)</u>	155,477	<u>\$ 293,951</u>
Decrease in nonspendable fund balance			63,295	
Increase in committed fund balance			(178)	
Unassigned fund balance, beginning			252,150	
Unassigned fund balance, ending			<u>\$ 470,744</u>	

TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF AND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2013

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Town of Grafton, New Hampshire (the Town), have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for governmental units as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and other authoritative sources.

The more significant of the Town's accounting policies are described below.

1-A Reporting Entity

The Town of Grafton is a municipal corporation governed by an elected three member Board of Selectmen. The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government and any other organizations (*component units*) that are included to ensure that the financial statements are not misleading.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Town is financially accountable. The Town is financially accountable for an organization if the Town appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board, and (1) the Town is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organizations; or (2) the Town is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; (3) the Town is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (4) the Town is obligated for the debt of the organization. Based on the foregoing criteria, no other organizations are included in the Town's financial reporting entity.

1-B Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial position of the governmental activities of the Town at year-end. This statement includes all of the Town's assets, liabilities, and net position, with the exception of the capital assets and related accumulated depreciation, which have been omitted because they have not been inventoried at historical cost.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function is offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. *Program revenues* include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*. As in the Statement of Net Position mentioned above, the Town has not recorded depreciation expense in this statement.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

1-C Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements, except for agency funds which do not have a measurement focus. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period, except for State shared revenue, reimbursement-based grants and interest which use one year.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. Property taxes, licenses and permits, intergovernmental revenue, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the year in which the resources are measurable and become available.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Town receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlement, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the year for which the tax is levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the Town must provide local resources to be used for a specific purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Town on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – all general revenues and other receipts that are not allocated by law or contracted agreement to another fund are accounted for in this fund. This fund accounts for general operating expenditures, fixed charges, and the capital improvement costs that are not reported in other funds.

Permanent Funds – are held in the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds and are used to account for resources held in trust for use by the Town.

All the governmental funds not meeting the criteria established for major funds are presented in the other governmental column of the fund financial statements.

Additionally, the Town reports the following fund types:

Special Revenue Funds - are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Permanent Fund - is used to record activity of legal trusts for which the interest on the corpus provides funds for the Town's cemetery operations.

Agency Fund - used to account for assets held in a trustee or agency capacity on behalf of outside parties, including other governments.

1-D Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Town considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Deposits with financial institutions consist primarily of demand deposits, certificates of deposits, and savings accounts.

The treasurer is required to deposit such moneys in solvent banks in state or the Public Deposit Investment Pool pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 383:22. Funds may be deposited in banks outside of the state if such banks pledge and deliver to a third party custodial bank or the Federal Reserve Bank, collateral security for such deposits, United States government or government agency obligations or obligations to the State of New Hampshire in value at least equal to the amount of the deposit in each case.

1-E Investments

State statutes place certain limitations on the nature of deposits and investments available as follows:

New Hampshire law authorizes the Town to invest in the following type of obligations:

- Obligations of the United States government,
- The public deposit investment pool established pursuant to RSA 383:22,
- Savings bank deposits,
- Certificates of deposit and repurchase agreements of banks incorporated under the laws of the State of New Hampshire or in banks recognized by the State treasurer.

Any person who directly or indirectly receives any such funds or moneys for deposit or for investment in securities of any kind shall, prior to acceptance of such funds, make available at the time of such deposit or investment an option to have such funds secured by collateral having a value at least equal to the amount of such funds. Such collateral shall be segregated for the exclusive benefit of the Town. Only securities defined by the bank commissioner as provided by rules adopted pursuant to RSA 386:57 shall be eligible to be pledged as collateral.

Investments for the Town are reported at fair value generally based on quoted market prices.

1-F Receivables

Receivables recorded in the financial statements represent amounts due to the Town at December 31. They are aggregated into a single accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles) line for certain funds and aggregated columns. They consist primarily of taxes, billing for charges.

1-G Interfund Balances

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Short-term Interfund loans are reported as "interfund receivables and payables." Interfund receivables and payables between funds are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position.

1-H Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The government has only one type of item, which arises only under the modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, this item, unavailable tax revenue, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The amount is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amount becomes available.

1-I Property Taxes

Property tax billings occur semi-annually and are based on the assessed inventory values as of April 1 of each year. Billings for the year were on July 1, 2013 and December 19, 2013. Interest accrues at a rate of 12% on bills outstanding after the due date and 18% on tax liens outstanding.

In connection with the setting of the tax rate, Town officials with the approval of the Department of Revenue Administration, establish and raise through taxation an amount for tax abatement and refunds, known as overlay. This amount is reported as a reduction in tax revenue and is adjusted by management for any reserve for uncollectable at year end. The property taxes collected by the Town include taxes levied for the State of New Hampshire, Mascoma Valley Cooperative School District, and Grafton County, which are remitted to these entities as required by law.

The Town net assessed valuation as of April 1, 2013 utilized in the setting of the tax rate was as follows:

For the New Hampshire education tax	\$ 124,837,716
For all other taxes	\$ 127,405,516

The tax rates and amounts assessed for the year ended December 31, 2013 were as follows:

	Per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation	Property Taxes Assessed
Municipal portion	\$4.93	\$ 627,766
School portion:		
State of New Hampshire	\$2.45	306,414
Local	\$11.83	1,506,991
County portion	\$1.63	207,668
Total		<u>\$ 2,648,839</u>

1-J Compensated Absences

The Town's policy allows certain employees to earn varying amounts of vacation based on the employee's length of employment. Upon separation from service, employees are paid in full for any accrued leave earned as set forth by personnel policy. The liability for such leave is reported as incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for those amounts is recorded in the governmental funds only if the liability has matured as a result of employee resignations or retirements.

1-K Claims and Judgments

Claims and judgments are recorded as liabilities if all the conditions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board pronouncements are met. Claims and judgments that would normally be liquidated with expendable available financial resources are recorded during the year as expenditures in the governmental funds. Claims and judgments are recorded in the government-wide financial statements as expense when the related liabilities are incurred. There were no significant claims or judgments at year-end.

1-L Interfund Receivables and Payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e. the current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Interfund receivables and payables between funds are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position.

1-M Net Position/Fund Balance Reporting

Government-wide Statements – Equity is classified as net position and displayed in two components:

- a) *Restricted net position* – Consists of net position with constraints placed on use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- b) *Unrestricted net position* – All other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted."

Fund Balance Classifications - The fund balance of governmental funds is reported in five categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific programs. The Town itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance). The classifications used in the Town's governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

Nonspendable – This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form; or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the legislative body (Town Meeting). These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the legislative body removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned – This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the Town's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the Board of Selectmen through the budgetary process.

Unassigned – This classification includes the residual fund balance for the general fund.

When multiple net position/fund balance classifications are available for use, it is the government's policy to utilize the most restricted balances first, then the next most restricted balance as needed. When components of unrestricted fund balance are used, committed fund balance is depleted first followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

2-A Budgetary Information

General governmental revenues and expenditures accounted for in budgetary funds are controlled by a formal integrated budgetary accounting system in accordance with various legal requirements which govern the Town's operations. At its annual meeting, the Town adopts a budget for the current year for the general fund. Except as reconciled below, the budget was adopted on a basis consistent with US generally accepted accounting principles.

Management may transfer appropriations between operating categories as deemed necessary, but expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations in total. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end unless encumbered.

State statutes require balanced budgets, but provide for the use of beginning unassigned fund balance to achieve that end. For the fiscal year 2013, \$137,380 of the beginning general fund unassigned fund balance was applied for this purpose.

2-B Budgetary Reconciliation to GAAP Basis

The Town employs certain accounting principles for budgetary reporting purposes that differ from a GAAP basis. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budgetary Basis presents the actual results to provide a comparison with the budget.

The following reconciles the general fund budgetary basis to the GAAP basis:

Revenues and other financing sources:	
Per Exhibit D (budgetary basis)	\$ 1,221,907
Adjustment:	
Basis difference:	
GASB Statement No. 54:	
To record miscellaneous income of the blended funds	5,792
To eliminate transfers between blended funds	(54,413)
Change in deferred tax revenue relating to 60-day revenue recognition	4,879
Per Exhibit C-3 (GAAP basis)	<u>\$ 1,178,165</u>
Expenditures and other financing uses:	
Per Exhibit D (budgetary basis)	\$ 1,066,430
Adjustment:	
Basis differences:	
GASB Statement No. 54:	
To record expendable trust expenditures during the year	11,793
To eliminate transfers between general and expendable trust funds	(37,047)
Per Exhibit C-3 (GAAP basis)	<u>\$ 1,041,176</u>

DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

NOTE 3 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Town's deposits are entirely covered by federal depository insurance (FDIC) or by collateral held by the Town's agent in the Town's name. The FDIC currently insures the first \$250,000 of the Town's deposits at each financial institution, per case custodian. Deposit balances over \$250,000 are insured by the collateral. As of year-end, the carrying amount of the Town's deposits were \$1,031,502 and the bank balances totaled \$1,096,474.

Cash and cash equivalents reconciliation:

Cash per Statement of Net Position (Exhibit A)	\$ 1,029,199
Cash per Statement of Fiduciary Net Position (Exhibit E-1)	2,303
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 1,031,502</u>

Repurchase Agreement – Included in the Town's cash equivalents at December 31, 2013, is a short-term investment in a repurchase agreement issued by a local banking institution. Under this agreement, the Town will be repaid principal plus interest on a specified date which is subsequent to year-end. The agreement is guaranteed/collateralized with securities held by the banking institution which equal the amount of the agreement. To the extent that the banking institution may default on its commitment to this obligation, the Town is at risk of economic loss. Management considers this exposure to be minimal. At December 31, 2013, the Town held an investment in the following repurchase agreement:

Amount	Interest Rate %	Maturity Date	Collateral Pledged	
			Underlying Securities	Market Value
\$ 921,011	2.00%	7/20/1942	GNMA 11#MA	\$ 943,314

Custodial Credit Risk – The Town's repurchase agreements are all with banking institutions; therefore, are subject to custodial credit risk. The custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be recovered.

Interest Rate Risk – The term repurchase agreements are also subject to interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the value of the Town's investments.

NOTE 4 – INVESTMENTS

Note 1-E describes statutory requirements covering the investment of the Town funds. The Town also maintains a portfolio of intermediate maturity investments that are reported at fair value, based on quoted market prices. The Town's fiscal agent or custodian provides the fair value of all intermediate maturity investments. At December 31, 2013, this Town had the following investments and maturities:

Investments type:	Fair Value	Less Than 1
		Year
Nongovernment obligations	\$ -	\$ 280,364
Mutual funds	-	107,558
Certificates of deposit	82,508	-
Total fair value	<u>\$ 82,508</u>	<u>\$ 387,922</u>

Interest Rate Risk – This is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The Town does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Custodial Credit Risk – This is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g. broker/dealer) to honor a transaction, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Town does not have custodial credit risk policies for investments.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The Town places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. More than 5% of the Town's investments are in Mascoma Savings Bank and National Advisors Trust. These investments are 18%, and 82%, respectively, of the Town's total investments.

NOTE 5 – TAXES RECEIVABLE

Taxes receivable represent the amount of current and prior year taxes which have not been collected as of December 31, 2013. The amount has been reduced by an allowance for an estimated uncollectible amount of \$132,000. Taxes receivable by year are as follows:

	As reported on:	
	Exhibit A	Exhibit C-1
Property:		
Levy of 2013	\$ 346,007	\$ 346,007
Unredeemed (under tax lien):		
Levy of 2012	112,251	112,521
Levy of 2011	67,197	67,197
Levies of 2010 and prior	72,516	72,516
Yield	356	356
Less: allowance for estimated uncollectible taxes	(132,000)	-
Net taxes receivable	<u>\$ 466,327</u>	<u>\$ 598,597</u>

NOTE 6 – INTERGOVERNMENTAL PAYABLES

Amounts due to other governments of \$807,977 at December 31, 2013 consist of the school tax liability payable to Mascoma Valley Cooperative School District for the balance of the 2013-2014 district assessment.

NOTE 7 – DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Town has only one type of item, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, unavailable revenue, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet.

NOTE 8 – GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES

Governmental fund balances reported on the fund financial statements at December 31, 2013 include the following:

Nonspendable:		
Major funds:		
General:		
Tax deeded property, subject to resale	\$ 27,343	
Permanent - principal balance	<u>147,042</u>	
Total nonspendable fund balance		\$ 174,385
Restricted:		
Major funds:		
General:		
Library	\$ 29,940	
Permanent - income balance	<u>10,140</u>	
Total restricted fund balance		40,080
		(Continued)

Governmental fund balances continued:

Committed:		
Major fund:		
General:		
Expendable trust	\$ 235,624	
Voted appropriation - March 2014	137,178	
Total committed fund balance		372,802
Assigned:		
Nonmajor funds:		
Solid waste revolving	\$ 40,764	
Ambulance	88,305	
Recreation	4,086	
Total assigned fund balance		133,155
Unassigned:		
Major fund:		
General		118,082
Total governmental fund balances		<u>\$ 838,504</u>

NOTE 9 – PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

Fund balance at January 1, 2013 was restated to give retroactive effect to the following prior period adjustment:

	General
	Fund
To record the deferral of taxes not collected within 60 days	\$ (357,542)
Fund balance, as previously reported	768,720
Fund balance, as restated	<u>\$ 411,178</u>

NOTE 10 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN

The Town participates in the New Hampshire Retirement System (the System) which is the administrator of a cost-sharing multiple-employer contributory pension plan and trust established in 1967 by RSA 100-A:2 and is qualified as a tax-exempt organization under Sections 401(a) and 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan is a contributory, defined benefit plan providing service, disability, death and vested retirement benefits to members and their beneficiaries. Provision for benefits and contributions are established and can be amended by the New Hampshire Legislature. The System issues a publicly available financial report that may be obtained by writing the New Hampshire Retirement System, 54 Regional Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

The System is financed by contributions from both the employees and the Town. Member contribution rates are established and may be amended by the State legislature while employer contribution rates are set by the System trustees based on an actuarial valuation. For fiscal year 2013, all employees except police officers and firefighters were required to contribute 7% of earnable compensation. The contribution rates were 11.55% for police officers and 11.80% for firefighters. The Town's contribution rates for 2013 for pension and medical subsidy were as follows:

Period	Police	Fire	All Other Employees
January 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2013	19.95%	22.89%	8.80%
July 1, 2013 thru December 31, 2013	25.30%	27.74%	10.77%

The contribution requirements for the Town of Grafton for the fiscal years 2012 and 2013 were \$8,678 and \$10,005, respectively, which were paid in full in each year.

NOTE 11 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees; or natural disasters. During fiscal year 2013, the Town was a member of the Local Government Center Property-Liability Trust, LLC, and the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex³) Workers' Compensation and Property/Liability Programs. These entities are considered public entity risk pools, currently operating as common risk management and insurance programs for member Towns and cities.

The Local Government Center Property-Liability Trust, LLC, is a Trust organized to provide certain property and liability insurance coverages to member Towns, cities and other qualified political subdivisions of New Hampshire. As a member of the Local Government Center Property-Liability Trust, LLC, the Town shares in contributing to the cost of, and receiving benefits from, a self-insured pooled risk management program. The membership and coverage run from July 1 to June 30. The program maintains a self-insured retention above which it purchases reinsurance and excess insurance. This policy covers property, auto physical damage, crime, general liability, and public officials' liability subject to a \$1,000 deductible.

Contributions paid in fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, to be recorded as an insurance expenditure totaled \$18,301. There were no unpaid contributions for the year ended December 31, 2013.

The New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex³) Workers' Compensation Program is a pooled risk management programs under RSAs 5-B and 281-A. Coverage was provided from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 by Primex³, which retained \$1,000,000 of each workers' compensation loss, \$500,000 of each liability loss, and \$200,000 of each property loss. The Board has decided to self-insure the aggregate exposure and has allocated funds based on actuarial analysis for that purpose. The estimated net contribution from the Town of Grafton billed and paid for the year ended December 31, 2013 was \$1,988 for workers' compensation. In addition the Town received a premium holiday in 2013, the current policy period of \$8,398 which has been recorded as miscellaneous income.

NOTE 12 – CONTINGENCIES

There are various legal claims and suits pending against the Town which arose in the normal course of the Town's activities. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these various claims and suits will not have a material effect on the financial position of the Town.

The Town participates in various federal grant programs, the principal of which are subject to program compliance audits pursuant to the Single Audit Act as amended. Accordingly, the government's compliance with applicable grant requirements will be established at a future date. The amount of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although the government anticipates such amounts, if any, will be immaterial.

NOTE 13 – IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS

The following GASB pronouncements were implemented by the Town for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013. Only GASB Statement No. 65 impacted these financial statements:

GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus and Amendments of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*, issued November 2010. This Statement is intended to improve financial reporting for a governmental financial reporting entity by improving guidance for including, presenting, and disclosing information about component units and equity interest transactions of a financial reporting entity.

GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, issued March 2012. This Statement is intended to improve financial reporting by clarifying the appropriate use of the financial statement elements deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources to ensure consistency in financial reporting.

GASB Statement No. 66, *Technical Corrections – 2012 – An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 10 and No. 62*, issued March 2012. This Statement is intended to resolve conflicting accounting and financial report and guidance that emerged from two recent standards, Statement No. 54 and Statement No. 62. These standards conflicted with existing guidance in Statements No. 10, 13, and 48.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued several pronouncements that have effective dates that may impact future financial presentations. Management has not currently determined what, if any, impact implementation of the following statements may have on the financial statements:

GASB Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, issued in June 2012, will be effective for the Town beginning with its fiscal year ending December 31, 2014. The guidance contained in this Statement will change how governments calculate and report the costs and obligations associated with pensions in important ways. They replace the requirements of Statements No. 27 and 50.

GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, issued in June 2012, will be effective for the Town beginning with its fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. The guidance contained in this Statement will change how governments calculate and report the costs and obligations associated with pensions in important ways. This replaces the requirements of Statements No. 27 and 50.

GASB Statement No. 69, *Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations*, issued in January 2013, will be effective for the Town beginning with its fiscal year ending December 31, 2014. This Statement establishes accounting and financial reporting standards related to government combinations and disposals of government operations that have been transferred or sold.

GASB Statement No. 70, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees*, issued in April 2013, will be effective for the Town beginning with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014. The objective of this Statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting by governments that extend and receive nonexchange financial guarantees.

GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*, issued in November 2013, will be effective for the Town beginning with its fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. The objective of this Statement is to address an issue regarding application of the transition provisions of Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, and is required to be applied simultaneously with the provisions of that Statement.

NOTE 14 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the balance sheet date, but before the financial statements are issued. Recognized subsequent events are events or transactions that provided additional evidence about conditions that existed at the balance sheet date, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing the financial statements. Nonrecognized subsequent events are events that provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at the balance sheet date, but arose after the date. Management has evaluated subsequent events through November 18, 2014, the date the December 31, 2013 financial statements were available to be issued, and no events occurred that require recognition or disclosure.

SCHEDULE 1
TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Estimated and Actual Revenues (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 533,627	\$ 559,508	\$ 25,881
Land use change	870	870	-
Timber	13,820	16,212	2,392
Interest and penalties on taxes	50,000	67,639	17,639
Total from taxes	598,317	644,229	45,912
Licenses, permits, and fees:			
Motor vehicle permit fees	160,000	175,997	15,997
Building permits	175	-	(175)
Other	4,302	5,782	1,480
Total from licenses, permits, and fees	164,477	181,779	17,302
Intergovernmental:			
State:			
Meals and rooms distribution	60,353	60,353	-
Highway block grant	123,766	123,560	(206)
Total from intergovernmental	184,119	183,913	(206)
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	-	2,356	2,356
Miscellaneous:			
Sale of municipal property	70,719	127,895	57,176
Interest on investments	140	186	46
Insurance dividends and reimbursements	-	18,631	18,631
Other	5,886	8,505	2,619
Total from miscellaneous	76,745	155,217	78,472
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in	51,764	54,413	2,649
Total revenues and other financing sources	1,075,422	\$ 1,221,907	\$ 146,485
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce tax rate	137,380		
Total revenues, other financing sources, and use of fund balance	\$ 1,212,802		

SCHEDULE 2
TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Appropriations and Expenditures (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:			
General government:			
Executive	\$ 50,200	\$ 47,749	\$ 2,451
Election and registration	27,062	24,272	2,790
Financial administration	30,350	37,269	(6,919)
Revaluation of property	25,060	21,737	3,323
Legal	15,000	13,037	1,963
Personnel administration	47,295	83,667	(36,372)
Planning and zoning	1,000	-	1,000
General government buildings	198,380	75,894	122,486
Cemeteries	8,000	5,953	2,047
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	63,278	18,301	44,977
Other	2,000	-	2,000
Total general government	<u>467,625</u>	<u>327,879</u>	<u>139,746</u>
Public safety:			
Police	122,493	122,222	271
Ambulance	7,710	7,611	99
Fire	15,000	13,856	1,144
Emergency management	100	70	30
Total public safety	<u>145,303</u>	<u>143,759</u>	<u>1,544</u>
Highways and streets:			
Highways and streets	312,900	315,889	(2,989)
Street lighting	2,500	2,579	(79)
Total highways and streets	<u>315,400</u>	<u>318,468</u>	<u>(3,068)</u>
Sanitation:			
Solid waste collection	62,000	60,956	1,044
Solid waste disposal	30,000	39,477	(9,477)
Other	2,000	1,618	382
Total sanitation	<u>94,000</u>	<u>102,051</u>	<u>(8,051)</u>
Health:			
Health agencies	<u>8,964</u>	<u>8,964</u>	<u>-</u>
Welfare:			
Administration	2,500	2,300	200
Direct assistance	17,000	11,116	5,884
Vendor payments	5,000	4,454	546
Other	500	135	365
Total welfare	<u>25,000</u>	<u>18,005</u>	<u>6,995</u>
Culture and recreation:			
Parks and recreation	2,400	2,300	100
Library	13,354	5,978	7,376
Patriotic purposes	300	181	119
Total culture and recreation	<u>16,054</u>	<u>8,459</u>	<u>7,595</u>

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SCHEDULE 2 (Continued)
TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Appropriations and Expenditures (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt service:			
Interest on tax anticipation notes	6,000	-	6,000
Capital outlay	97,956	101,798	(3,842)
Other financing uses:			
Transfers out	36,500	37,047	(547)
Total appropriations, expenditures, and other financing uses	<u>\$ 1,212,802</u>	<u>\$ 1,066,430</u>	<u>\$ 146,372</u>

SCHEDULE 3
TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Changes in Unassigned Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

Unassigned fund balance, beginning (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)	\$ 252,150
Changes:	
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce 2013 tax rate	(137,380)
2013 Budget summary:	
Revenue surplus (Schedule 1)	\$ 146,485
Unexpended balance of appropriations (Schedule 2)	<u>146,372</u>
2013 Budget surplus	292,857
Decrease in nonspendable fund balance	63,295
Increase in committed fund balance	<u>(178)</u>
Unassigned fund balance, ending (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)	470,744
Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis to GAAP Basis:	
To comply with generally accepted accounting principles by deferring property taxes not collected within 60 days of fiscal year-end	(484,662)
Removal of allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>132,000</u>
Unassigned fund balance, ending (GAAP basis Exhibit C-1)	<u>\$ 118,082</u>

SCHEDULE 4
TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
December 31, 2013

	Special Revenue Funds			
	Solid Waste Revolving	Ambulance	Recreation	Total
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 40,764	\$ 20,540	\$ 4,086	\$ 65,390
Investments	-	60,180	-	60,180
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for uncollectable	-	7,585	-	7,585
Total assets	<u>\$ 40,764</u>	<u>\$ 88,305</u>	<u>\$ 4,086</u>	<u>\$ 133,155</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Assigned	<u>\$ 40,764</u>	<u>\$ 88,305</u>	<u>\$ 4,086</u>	<u>\$ 133,155</u>

SCHEDULE 5
TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Special Revenue Funds			
	Solid Waste Revolving	Ambulance	Recreation	Total
Revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ 14,777	\$ 25,799	\$ 4,948	\$ 45,524
Investment earnings	-	180	-	180
Total revenues	<u>14,777</u>	<u>25,979</u>	<u>4,948</u>	<u>45,704</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	-	18,322	-	18,322
Sanitation	4,123	-	-	4,123
Culture and recreation	-	-	5,833	5,833
Total expenditures	<u>4,123</u>	<u>18,322</u>	<u>5,833</u>	<u>28,278</u>
Net change in fund balances	10,654	7,657	(885)	17,426
Fund balances, beginning	30,110	80,648	4,971	115,729
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 40,764</u>	<u>\$ 88,305</u>	<u>\$ 4,086</u>	<u>\$ 133,155</u>

2014 Warrant and Ballot Results

As amended at the Deliberative Session, February 8, 2014

To the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Grafton, in said State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grafton Fire\Ambulance Station, Grafton, New Hampshire, on *Saturday the 8th of February, 2014 at 9:00 AM* for the first session of the Annual Town Meeting to discuss, debate and amend the town budget and all warrant articles listed below, except Article #1 (election of officers).

You are hereby further notified to meet at the Grafton Fire\Ambulance Station, Grafton, New Hampshire, on *Tuesday the 11th of March, 2014* for the second session of the Annual Town Meeting to vote by official ballot on elected officials and all warrant articles that are listed below. *The Polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.*

1) To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, including: Selectman - 3 years; Treasurer -1 year; Moderator - 2years; Tax Collector - 3years; Budget Committee - 3 years; Trustee of the Trust Funds - 3 years; Library Trustee - 3 years; Police Chief (3 years); Cemetery Trustee - 3 years; Supervisor of the Checklist - 6 years; Supervisor of the Checklist - 4 years; and Planning Board - 3 years.

<u>Selectmen (3 years) Vote for one</u>		<u>Treasurer (1 year) Vote for one</u>	
Leon Dugan	359	Margaret "Peg" Emslie	247
Jennie Joyce	187	Dorothy Campbell	280
<u>Tax Collector (3 years) Vote for one</u>		<u>Budget Committee (3 years) Vote for one</u>	
Bonnie J. Haubrich	476	Cindy Kudlik	223
<u>Police Chief (3 years) Vote for one</u>		Catherine Mulholland	281
Paul Howard Vogt	77	<u>Library Trustee (3 years) Vote for one</u>	
Russell Poitras	456	Mary Ann Smith	448
<u>Supervisor of the Checklist (4 years) Vote for one</u>		<u>Cemetery Trustee (3 years) Vote for one</u>	
George Curran	441	Tom Ploszaj	378
<u>Supervisor of the Checklist (4 years) Vote for one</u>		<u>Planning Board (3 years) Vote for one</u>	
Jeremy J. Olson	157	Robert Hull	134
Jeffery K. Weiss	313	Jim Dugan	368
<u>Trustee of the Trust Funds (3 years) Vote for one</u>		<u>Moderator (2 years) Vote for one</u>	
Daniel Demers	286	Susan Frost	475
Robert Forshee	146		

2) Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$993,556. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,019,316, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous actions of the Town of Grafton or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised budget only. It excludes special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately.

General Government		Highway and Streets	
Executive	\$49,000	Highway and Streets	\$342,800
Elections/Town Clerk	32,083	Street Lights	2,700
Financial Administration	39,070	Subtotal	\$345,500
Reappraisal of Property	25,060	Solid Waste	
Legal Expense	15,000		
FICA & Medicare	24,000	Health and Welfare	
Planning Board	750		
General Government Buildings	64,426	Health Agencies	\$10,000
Cemeteries	8,000	Health Officer	0
Insurance	85,249	Public Assistance	20,000
Advertising/Regional Dues	1,500	Subtotal	\$30,000
Contingency	2,000	Culture and Recreation	
Subtotal	\$346,138		
Public Safety		Parks & Recreation	\$2,400
Police	\$132,053	Library	8,315
Ambulance	14,280	Patriotic Purposes	300
Fire Department	14,470	Subtotal	\$11,015
Emergency Management	100	Debt Service	
Forest Fire Warden	1,000		
Subtotal	\$161,903	Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)	\$5,000
		<u>Operating Budget Total</u>	<u>\$993,556</u>

YES: 381	NO: 111
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3) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow the sum of \$296,000 for a five year period for the purpose of constructing a new town office building. Should this Article pass, Article #4 and #5 become null and void. 3/5 vote required. (By petition).

The Selectmen do not recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.

YES: 140	NO: 387
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4) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$137,000.00) to remove the old town clerk’s office and build a two-story addition on the site where the old town clerk’s office was removed and to remedy violations found in the town office building per Dept. of Labor inspection. This is a special warrant article. (Should this article pass, Warrant Article #5 will become null and void).

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

YES: 152	NO: 375
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5) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to remedy violations found in the town office building per Dept. of Labor inspection. This is a special warrant article.

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

YES: 263	NO: 263
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6) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the already established Library Capital Reserve Fund and to appoint the Library Trustees as agents to expend for the purposes of developing a long term plan which will ultimately address the Labor Department findings. (By petition)

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.

YES: 282	NO: 247
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7) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate eleven thousand two hundred dollars (\$11,200) to be used to remedy violations found at the Recycle Center per Dept. of Labor and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this amount from the Recycle Revolving Account. This article, if passed, will have no impact on taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

YES: 253	NO: 276
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8) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred thirty-seven thousand one hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$137,178) to be withdrawn from the unassigned fund balance to repair and upgrade the heating system in the Fire/Ambulance building. This will be a 5 year non-lapsing fund. This article, if passed, will have no impact of taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.

YES: 354	NO: 177
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9) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for the purpose of paving town roads.

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.

YES: 330	NO: 200
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10) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase the Paula Webster Property across from the Town Office Building on Library Road and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to do so. (By Petition)

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.

YES: 231	NO: 299
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11) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of placing ledge pack on town dirt roads.

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.

YES: 369	NO: 164
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12) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the previously established Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.

YES: 310	NO: 285
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13) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the previously established Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.

YES: 326	NO: 210
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14) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) to be placed in the previously established Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.

YES: 325	NO: 213
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15) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw the sum of \$4,302 from the Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose of constructing a storage vault in a new Town Office Building. (Should the article for a new town office building pass this amount shall be deducted from the \$296,000.00. If the article doesn't pass, this article will be null and void). (By Petition)

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.

YES: 252	NO: 279
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16) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the restoration of the Town's historical records.

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.

YES: 334	NO: 190
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17) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500) to increase the Town Clerk's stipend.

The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

YES: 274	NO: 261
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18) To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease the land and buildings known as the East Grafton Christian Union Church and Parsonage to the Grafton Township Historical Society until such time as the organization no longer exists or ceases activities for a period of one year.

YES: 333	NO: 193
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19) To see if the Town will adopt provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the Budget Committee shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than one percent. (By Petition)

YES: 209	NO: 321
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20) To see if the Town will vote to require the Moderator and other Town officials to use *Robert's Rules of Order* at the Deliberative Session and all other meetings held by the Town. The eleventh edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be used unless the voters vote to adopt a newer edition at some future Town Meeting. (By Petition)

YES: 234	NO: 282
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21) To see if the Town will pass an ordinance that shall be known as "The Grafton United Nations Free Zone Act". The purpose of this Act is to establish the Town of Grafton, New Hampshire as a United Nations free zone in that the United Nations is prohibited within the Town limits and that citizens are sovereign from the jurisdiction of the United Nations. To maintain and preserve the Supreme Law of the Land as set forth in the Constitution of the State of New Hampshire, and of these United States of America to the benefit of the people

of the Town of Grafton, including but not limited to, the freedom of speech, press, assembly and petition, and the right to bear arms, to trial by jury, to the privilege against self-incrimination and to the common law writ of habeas corpus. To protect the citizens of the Town of Grafton from taxation without representation, by forbidding the implementation within the town limits of any tax, levy, fee, assessment, surcharge, or any other financial imposition by the United Nations. (By Petition)

YES: 159	NO: 282
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22) RESOLVED, the People of Grafton, NH stand with communities across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting effects of undue corporate power by amending the United States Constitution to establish that: 1) Only human beings, not corporations, are endowed with constitutional rights, and 2) Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the People of Grafton, NH, hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort. (By Petition)

YES: 187	NO: 328
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23) To see if the Town shall notify the voters of Grafton of their natural and historic right and responsibility as jurors, sitting on juries in all cases including grand juries, to judge the law as well as the facts before them, a right recognized by the State of New Hampshire with the passage of HB146 (Laws of 2012, c. 243) and codified as RSA 519:23-a, which stated that “in all criminal proceedings the court shall permit the defense to inform the jury of its right to judge the facts and the application of the law in relation to the facts in controversy.” The information shall be sent by the Town to all voters individually via first-class mail, and shall be prepared entirely by volunteers, information which may include pamphlets prepared by the Fully Informed Jury Association, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. All costs shall be paid using voluntarily raised funds. (By Petition)

YES: 163	NO: 358
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24) To see if the Town will vote to establish a donation reserve trust fund and to appoint the Selectboard as agents to expend those monies. The fund’s purpose is to allow donors to fund the regular or unanticipated expenses of the Town, and to allow those donors to indicate the purposes for which their donated funds must be used. Donations may, at the time they are presented to the Town, have stipulations attached, but the Selectboard may refuse to accept any donation if the Selectboard determines that the stipulations are inappropriate, unreasonable, or excessively burdensome. Acceptance of any donation is a binding agreement to restrict the expenditure of those funds based upon the stipulations. If the Selectboard later reverses its decision to accept a donation, the funds shall be refunded to the donor who supplied them. Severability: this Article is not severable, and any final determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that such stipulations may not be applied to donations shall also void this Article in its entirety, and all donated fund then in the Town’s possession shall be refunded to their respective donors. (By Petition)

YES: 148	NO: 339
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25) To see if the Town will vote to require that the Town’s unencumbered income must be used for tax reduction rather than being held as an account balance, except that the Selectboard may vote to maintain a balance not to exceed 5% of the current year’s budget or such amount as may be required by statute. Using such funds to decrease loan balances in order to reduce the overall tax burden over multiple years shall be considered to be in accordance with the intent of this Article. (By Petition)

YES: 211	NO: 285
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26) To see if the Town will vote to require the Moderator to determine and announce an alternate date and time for the Deliberative Session at the same time that the primary date and time are set, for the purpose of allowing voters to schedule availability in advance in case inclement weather or other circumstances require that the

primary date be canceled. (*By Petition*)

YES: 259	NO: 231
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27) To see if the Town of Grafton will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee to reduce the annual town budget by ten percent for the next three years. (By Petition)

YES: 174	NO: 313
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28) To see if the Town will vote to repeal Warrant Article #24 of the Town Meeting of 1994, and the resulting ordinance, which prohibits the possession of open containers of alcoholic beverages and/or the consumption of the same on Town Property. The repeal of this ordinance shall not supersede, overrule, or in any other way affect any State or Federal laws or regulations governing the possession of alcohol on public property or its use by Town employees. (By Petition)

YES: 164	NO: 337
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29) To see if the Town will vote to require that any building energy improvements shall be done in such a way as to provide a reasonable return on investment. For the purposes of this Article, “building energy system” shall refer to any device or set of devices which are designed to produce, transfer, or conserve energy in a building, including (but not limited to) heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems. For the purposes of this Article, “reasonable return on investment” shall be defined as recovery of the total cost of the project as savings in purchased energy within a term of six years for any upgrade or change to an existing system, eight years for replacement of a system which is less than ten years old, ten years for replacement of a system which is more than ten years old, and twelve years for replacement of a system which has actually failed to function. Determinations of system failure and analysis of return on investment calculations provided by bidders shall be made by independent contractors, who shall be prohibited from bidding upon the project for which they submitted an analysis for a period of five years.

YES: 175	NO: 311
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30) To see if the Town will begin the process of withdrawing from the Mascoma Valley Regional School District, in accordance with the process outlined in RSA 195:25. This Article does not constitute a vote on whether the Town will leave the District, but solely acts to establish a study to determine the impact on both the Town and the District, such that voters in a future year may make an informed choice on this issue. (By Petition)

YES: 156	NO: 351
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A True Copy of Warrant. Attest: GRAFTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Stephen Darrow, Chairman

Jennie Joyce

Sean Frost

Deliberative Session Minutes

Saturday, February 8, 2014
(Amended 2-21-14)

Moderator Susan Frost opened the meeting at approximately 9:14am at the Grafton Fire and Ambulance Station.

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Frost then introduced and recognized the following: the volunteers of the Grafton Fire and Ambulance Service, Robert Bassett, Road Agent, Russell Poitras, Police Chief, members of the Budget Committee (Ed Grinley, Scott Smith, and Catherine Mulholland), Bonnie Haubrich, Town Clerk, Peg Emslie, Treasurer and the Selectmen (Steve Darrow, Jennie Joyce and Sean Frost).

Moderator Frost spoke of Grafton, past and present; remembering the special people who touched her life and exemplified Grafton such as Dorothy Davis, Town Clerk from 1956 – 1991, sitting in her home and learning about Grafton; John Curran and his historical information regarding the railroad, Stew Downs with his historical artifacts; Bonnie Haubrich and all the assistance rendered in her experience of Moderator for 13 years and how Bonnie had been part of John Curran's life and with him at the end; the Ladies' Auxiliary for their part in assisting the Ambulance and Fire Departments and for the townspeople.

Moderator Frost then went on to describe the SB2 Deliberative Session process. She had passed out a 3 page set of rules to each attendee. **Motion to accept rules by Lorraine Clough. Second by Steve Darrow.** Brian Fellers stated that 40:8 took away his freedom of speech. Moderator Frost responded that personal attacks and name calling are not acceptable. Brian Fellers argued his rights would be violated. **Amendment presented by Jeremy Olson and seconded by (Minute taker unable to determine who the second was.) to delete the Rules of Decorum (#1, #2 and #3 of page 3).** Pamela Curran stated that she could not understand why we would want to disrespect people. **Nancy Robertson called the question. Bruce Frost seconded. Ayes: 10. Nays 81. Amendment Failed.**

Tim Condon asked the Moderator to explain what a "point of order" is. Moderator Frost responded that if she were to make an error it gave the opportunity to bring it back to the meeting.

Motion to accept the rules as presented by Moderator Frost. Ayes: 101. Nays: 3. Rules passed.

Deb Clough asked Moderator Frost to identify non-registered voters. Moderator Frost introduced Jack Rodolico, freelance reporter. He stated that much of his work is for NH Public Radio and that he was here to follow the Free State Project. David Shinnlinger (high school supporter), Chan Cuo, (observer), Sarah Priestap and Sarah Brubeck (Valley News) and Kevin Barlow (observer) were also identified. Susan asked all non-registered voters to sit in the front row to easily identify them when it came time to vote. Neil Alexander stated that he did not agree that they had to be told where to sit and they may wish to observe from other places.

Jeremy Olson asked why Kevin Barlow was considered a non-registered voter as he was with Kevin when he went to the Town Clerk's Office to register a couple of weeks ago. The Supervisors of the Checklist stated that although he had completed partial paperwork he had not come to a session of the Supervisors to complete the paperwork necessary and according to the law no one can register on this day. Police Chief Poitras noted that this was not the forum to resolve this issue. Deb Clough stated that in the past the body voted to allow non-registered voters to speak and asked Moderator Frost if she was going to ask that. Robert Constantine said he was disillusioned; if the Town Clerk gave the form to the Supervisors; why not give Kevin Barlow the voting card. Susan stated that Kevin should work this issue out with the Supervisors and that the conversation was over. Brian Fellers made a motion to postpone the meeting until the problem was solved.

Christopher Kairns seconded. Merle Kenyon asked the Moderator to consider a 10 minute break to attempt to resolve this issue. Angus Gorman stated that this was just a stall tactic so “they” could control the meeting. Moderator Frost asked the Supervisors to respond to the issue. George Curran, Supervisor of the Checklist stated that the Supervisors did not have the proper/necessary documentation. He stated that the Supervisors regret that Mr. Barlow could not vote today, but that the law does not allow registration today and that Mr. Barlow had the opportunity to present himself at the last 2 sessions and did not. Brian Fellers continued to shout out inappropriate remarks. Tim Condon stated that if Mr. Barlow was not allowed to vote it would open the Town up to a law suit and that the NH Statue gave him a fundamental right to vote. Merle asked Mr. Condon if he was referring to any particular NH Statue when he made this statement. Mr. Condon said he was not sure of the Statue. Moderator Frost assigned counters for voting purposes. (Elaina Bergamini and Angus Gorman). **Sean Frost moved the question. Pamela Grinley seconded. Ayes: 93. Nay: 0. Motion to postpone the meeting: Ayes: 10. Nays: 89. Motion failed.**

Neil Alexander noted a conversation he had with George Curran regarding his daughter’s right to vote. He said she too, was not allowed to vote because she was unable to get the paperwork back to the Supervisors at their last session. **Amendment presented by Brian Fellers and seconded by Christopher Kairns which read “In order to avoid a lawsuit all residents being 18 or older have the right to vote in this deliberative session.” Motion by Sean Frost to restrict reconsideration of amendment to rules and to move the question. Seconded by Steve Darrow.** Bonnie Haubrich reminded Moderator Frost that there was already an amendment on the floor which had to be finalized. Brian Fellers shouted out, “give my neighbor his right to vote”. Jeffrey Weiss, Supervisor of the Checklist stated that the Supervisors of the Checklist are the only body that can accept a voter registrant. He stated that the Town Clerk did not include the “voter registration” form, only the Proof of Residency and personal ID with supporting documentation and that Mr. Barlow had 3 opportunities to present to the Checklist and he did not. He stated that Mr. Barlow could complete his paperwork on March 1st when the Supervisors are in session. Dan Bergamini asked that we vote on the amendment. **Ayes: 29. Nay: 71. Motion failed. Jeremy Olson presented a motion to reconsider the rules. Tony Stelleck seconded. Ayes: 9. Nays: Motion failed. Motion by Sean Frost to restrict reconsideration of amendment to rules and to move the question. Seconded by Bruce Frost. Ayes: 80. Nays: 23. Motion passed.**

Brian Fellers continued to be disrespectful and shout out comments. Moderator Frost warned Brian should he be out of order once more; he would be removed from the meeting. Joe Brown stated that an amendment could not limit reconsideration and call the question. At this point Brian Fellers was escorted out of the meeting by Police Chief Poitras due to multiple warnings for bad behavior. Elaina Bergamini asked that in the future all amendments be singular in intent. **Nancy Robertson moved the question. Seconded by Sean Frost. Ayes: 80. Nays: 23. Motion passed.** This segment (3 hours) was spent on the rules of the Deliberative Session.

12:15pm

Moderator Frost read Article #1 and Article #2. **Bonnie Haubrich made a motion to waive reading the remainder of the Warrant at this time in order to save time. Seconded by Elaina Bergamini.** Neil Alexander noted that he was concerned that the Warrant would not be read. Bonnie explained that the Moderator would read the Articles at the time they were presented but to save time the Warrant would not be read at this time in its entirety. **Ayes: 100 Nays: 2. Motion passed.**

Tom Ploszaj asked the Moderator to “address” the issue he had spoken to her about earlier. Moderator Frost said she would do so. The Moderator stated that those present need to understand that during this meeting everyone is free to speak. She said that Angus had stepped down as a counter and that David Rienzo would take his place.

Article #2:

“Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant,

or as amended by the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$993,556. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,019,316, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous actions of the Town of Grafton or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised budget only. It excludes special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately.

General Government	
Executive	\$49,000
Elections/Town Clerk	32,083
Financial Administration	49,417
Reappraisal of Property	25,060
Legal Expense	15,000
FICA & Medicare	24,000
Planning Board	750
General Government Buildings	64,426
Cemeteries	8,000
Insurance	85,249
Advertising/Regional Dues	1,500
Contingency	2,000
Subtotal	\$356,485
Public Safety	
Police	\$132,053
Ambulance	14,280
Fire Department	14,470
Emergency Management	100
Forest Fire Warden	1,000
Subtotal	\$161,903

Highway and Streets	
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Street Lights	2,700
Subtotal	\$345,500
Solid Waste	
Subtotal	\$94,000
Health and Welfare	
Health Agencies	\$10,000
Health Officer	0
Public Assistance	20,000
Subtotal	\$30,000
Culture and Recreation	
Parks & Recreation	\$2,400
Library	10,795
Patriotic Purposes	300
Subtotal	\$13,495
Debt Service	
Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)	\$5,000
<u>Operating Budget Total</u>	<u>\$1,006,383</u>

Amendment presented by Ed Grinley: **“Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget of \$993,556.00.” Seconded by Scott Smith.** Ed stated that he presented this amendment due to a clerical error. Sean Frost, Selectmen stated that because this was discussed at the Budget hearing the Department of Revenue Administration advised that this error could not be adjusted; that an amendment be presented today. Jeremy Olson asked which line item this would change. Ed stated that no line item would be affected; that the bottom line is correct when added. Robert Constantine asked everyone to keep in mind that the school bond, if passed, will have a large increase in Grafton’s taxes. Brad Grange asked which amount was correct. It was now noted that there were discrepancies in the information (Warrant) handed out. **Angus Gorman called the question. Seconded by Scott Smith. Ayes: 91. Nay 0. Motion passed.**

Amendment presented by Elaina Bergamini and seconded by Angus Gorman, which read, “Motion to accept the warrant article #2 as amended.” Pam Curran asked how this would affect the Budget Act of the 10% rule. Steve Darrow, Selectman, explained the 10% rule and if this body were to approve anything over 10% of the Budget Committee’s recommendation the Department of Revenue Administration would consider it null and void. Bruce Frost asked the Budget Committee to explain what account had changed since the numbers on the Warrant handed out added up to \$1,006,383. Ed responded that the Financial Administration account was adjusted. Bruce Frost stated that the figures still do not agree. Peg noted that someone had asked

if the totals add up, but they do not add up to the bottom line. Ed stated that the Budget Committee had reduced the Financial budget as the audit has already taken place. Steve Darrow responded that the Town had voted to eliminate Town Auditors a few years ago and that the State requires the audits continue. The Supervisors of the Checklist are the responsible party to appoint auditors if there is a vacancy, but since the Town had eliminated Town Auditors there was no position for them to appoint. Therefore, the Town had to hire outside auditors to accomplish this task. Joe Brown asked if we were voting on the bottom line. Steve Kudlik stated that the figures still don't add up. Steve Darrow reminded that we are voting on the Budget Committee's budget. Christopher Kairns moved the question. Moderator Frost noted that due to the confusion and discrepancies there was a need for additional discussion. Brad Grange stated that the body needed to have corrected paperwork in order to make a decision. Ed stated that the amended Article would correct the error made. Robert Constantine asked for the Statue which pertained to posting an incorrect amount. Steve Darrow stated that the original posted Warrant's figures were correct. **Ayes: 85 Nays 1. Amendment passed.** Steve Kudlik asked why the operating budget had not been presented line by line and that he was confused that they were voting on the bottom line. Jennie made a motion to restrict reconsideration. Moderator Frost stated that the body voted on the Amendment and it had passed. Jeremy Olson said he had asked the Moderator twice to accept an Amendment and she had indicated that she would. Travis Anderson stated that it was clear to him that the vote was being taken on the Amendment, which meant the bottom line figure. Angus reminded that anyone could ask for reconsideration on an Article. Jeremy noted that Steve Darrow had a motion on the floor prior to Jennie's motion to restrict reconsideration. The Moderator asked those present if they had understood they were voting on the amendment and bottom line. Merle Kenyon suggested a Motion to Reconsider. **Motion by John Connell and seconded by Christopher Kairns to reconsider Amendment to Article #2. Ayes: 36. Nays 60. Motion failed. Motion by Deb Clough and seconded by Merle Kenyon to limit reconsideration on the Amendment to Article #2. Ayes: 67. Nays: 27. Motion passed.**

Motion to discuss Article #3: Ayes: 55. Nays: 3 Motion passed.

Article #3:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow the sum of \$296,000.00 for a five year period for the purpose of constructing a new Town Office building. *(By Petition) The Selectmen recommends this article/ the Budget Committee recommends this article.*

Brad Grange stated that there was never any real discussion for Article #2 prior to accepting an Amendment. He asked when the Budget Committee was presenting their budget. The Moderator stated that they would present their budget and explanation as the items came up. Steve Darrow stated that there was a typographical error with this Article. The Selectmen do not recommend this Article. Sean Frost stated that the Board did not think this was fiscally responsible at this time. Taxes are very difficult for many people and the school is asking for a large renovation project this year.

Ed Grinley presented an amendment as follows: **"To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow the sum of \$296,000.00 for a five year period for the purpose of constructing a new Town Office building. Should this Warrant Article pass the other building Articles become null and void. #4,5"** *(By Petition) The Selectmen do not recommend this article/ the Budget Committee recommends this article.* Seconded by Scott Smith. Ed informed those present the Board of Labor had cited the Town for various violations. The Town Clerk was ordered out of her office and renovations occurred in the sum of \$11000 because her office was deemed unsafe. The Selectmen were given deadlines. The Selectmen appointed a committee to study options, but they never met. Ed said that he decided to present 2 options to the voters, which were either a new building or renovations. Ed said that he had gotten contractors to give bids and that the options would be presented to the voters in March. Ed noted many structural problems with the present building, including the fact that the sills were rotting. Scott Smith said that he has spoken to many people and that they had indicated to him that they were tired of putting money into an old building. Steve Darrow stated that the Board had recently had a building inspector, who they trusted, inspect the office

building as well as the Town Hall and that he did inspect the sills in question and he had indicated that the sills were fine. Sean stated that the renovation plans for the existing building will satisfy the Board of Labor. Steve Kudlik noted that he now serves on the Planning Board and they have a subcommittee studying use of the Town Hall, etc. Bonnie said that she is 2 department heads, Tax Collector and Town Clerk, and she had never been asked by Ed what her needs are and since Ed had never served as Town Clerk or Tax Collector how could he know what type of space, etc were necessary for the jobs. Fire Chief Babiarz agreed that he had never been consulted with Ed's plans as far as what fire and safety issues need to be addressed in new construction. He noted that it is his job to inspect public buildings and that fire codes need to be met. Roger Fremont asked if the Town has considered a trailer. Lorraine Clough called the question. The Moderator noted that there was no question to call. Robert Constantine stated that of the 3 Articles presented (new building, middle of the road renovation plan and the bare minimum) that the 3rd would satisfy the Board of Labor. Ed stated that the Amendment simply says that if 3 passes it eliminated overspending by voiding #4 and #5. Much discussion ensued regarding the wording to ensure that not multiple Articles pass for this issue. Steve Darrow ensured people that if an Article passes money can only be spent on what it was requested for, which would eliminate overspending. Eugenia Fitzgerald stated that \$296,000 would be just the beginning and that there would be more costs along the way. She asked Ed if he had plans that people could review. He said that he had not brought them with him, but that there were drawn up by a professional. Eugenia said that the people need to see the plans. **Bruce Frost noted that the Amendment was merely to add words to the Article and to move the question. Seconded by Cindy Kudlik. Motion to move the question: Ayes: 88 Nays: 0. Motion passed. Vote of Amendment to Article #3: Ayes: 80. Nays: 3. Motion passed.**

Amendment #2 for Article #3 presented by Steve Darrow as follows: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow the sum of \$296,000 for a five year period for the purpose of constructing a new town office building. Should this Article pass, Article #4 and 5 become null and void. 3/5 vote required. (By petition) The Selectmen do not recommend this Article/the Budget Committee recommends this Article." Seconded by Elaina Bergamini. Steve explained due to a typo error this language needs to be added. Sharon Duffy asked if the 3/5 was by law. Steve affirmed it was. **Ayes: 79 Nays: 2 Amendment passed.**

Amendment #3 for Article #3 presented by Joseph Brown which reads, "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the Town Hall on Turnpike Road and such other Town-owned properties as the Board may choose, in order to raise and appropriate the sum of no less than \$296,000 for the purpose of constructing a new Town Office building. If the winning bids on such properties do not total at least that amount, then no sale shall occur. The Board is authorized to sell such properties up to a total amount of \$450,000 and to appropriate any amount up to that total for construction of a new Town Office building. The Board is specifically authorized to include the current Town Office building among the buildings it may choose to sell, but only if the buyer is willing to lease the building back to the Town for a duration sufficient to allow the completion of a new Town Office building. (Should this article pass Warrant Articles #4 and #5 will become null and void." The Moderator wished a few minutes to review the Article to ensure intent. Joe assured the Moderator that he has spoken with David Scanlan at the Secretary of State's Office to ensure it did not alter the intent of the original Warrant Article and that Mr. Scanlan indicated that it was appropriate. He said that an Amendment can dictate where monies are to come from. Neil Alexander charged that the Moderator did not have the authority to reject the Amendment. Maureen O'Reilly argued that it did change the intent of the Article. Sean Frost stated that he did not think that the Amendment was legal and that it was just a stall tactic on behalf of their group. Moderator Frost warned Sean to refrain from such comments. Angus Gorman agreed that he felt the intent was changed. John Babiarz cautioned people explaining that the Fire Station shares a common septic, water and emergency power, which all would incur cost. Steve Kudlik cautioned that if the Town sells off property it could affect future plans from other Departments. John Connell noted that Jeremy had spoken to the Secretary of State and to listen to him. Jerome Kramer noted that he has lived in Grafton for 38 years and he is not in favor of selling the historical properties of Grafton. Susan stated that she had allowed this discussion but that she was not going to accept the Amendment. Joe reiterated that he had spoken with David Scanlan on this matter.

Motion Limit Reconsideration by Elaina Bergamini. Seconded by Sean Frost. Ayes: 66. Nays: 13. Motion passed.

Article #4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$137,000.00) to remove the old town clerk's office and build a two-story addition on the site where the old town clerk's office was removed and to remedy violations found in the town office building per Dept. of Labor inspection. This is a special warrant article. (Should this article pass, Warrant Article #5 will become null and void) ***The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommend this article.***

Sean Frost, Selectmen, spoke on this Article. He noted that the Board felt this was the best bang for the buck. The Board felt the cost was reasonable. He stated that the Board has been accused of not reacting to the Board of Labor's requirements, but that the Board has been working to ensure that legal issues were addressed as well as coming up with a good plan. MTD, a construction company with a good reputation, put a proposal together. Steve noted that the Board does have plans and will put them on the Town website for people to review. Ed stated that the Budget Committee does not agree with this Article; that it is putting good money after bad money. He further stated that he has spoken with people and that MTD does not have a good reputation. Sean asked Ed to refrain from such remarks. **Motion to open the Article up for discussion by Bruce Frost. Seconded by Nancy Robertson. Ayes: 58 Nays: 5. Motion passed.** Roger Fremont asked who the contractor is and if he is related to anyone in Grafton. Steve Darrow responded that MTD is the company the Board has been working with. He further stated that they had originally had 4 contractors who indicated they were interested in the job, but only MTD came forth with a plan. Steve noted several projects MTD has done recently such as the EMS/Fire Station in Canaan as well as working for the Mascoma School District. He also stated that to the best of his knowledge Matt Dow is not related to anyone in Grafton. Cindy Kudlik asked if the Town would get their meeting room back. Sean affirmed that the Town Clerk's move was intended to be temporary, and the meeting room would be returned to the Town. Cindy was concerned that the Town spent \$11,000 for a temporary move. Scott reminded the public that the Budget Committee was not supportive of this expenditure and that the minutes are available to anyone. He further noted that his experience has been that MTD is much higher in cost than other contractors. Sean noted that the Board had advertised this project widely and that he himself had disseminated many packets of information to encourage bids, but MTD was the only one who expressed an interest. Cindy Drouin asked if both sets of plans would be available for people to review and make an informed decision. Ed stated that his plans would be available for review. David Tupper announced that he had been one of the original contractors who were approached for a proposal but he was never asked for a bid. He expressed displeasure that MTD has been earmarked for the project. Joe Brown reminded the voters that we are just approving the money, not the bid. He further asked if the old Town Clerk's Office will be removed or utilized for something else. Steve stated that the old Town Clerk's Office needs to be removed. Sean commented that the Board of Labor had ordered that the office could not be utilized, but that the existing foundation would serve as a footprint for the new addition. Deb Clough agreed that it is impossible to make a decision without seeing plans. Steve Kudlik said he was bringing forth a Planning Board recommendation that they do not recommend this expenditure. The Planning Board has never seen the plans for this addition and that it is a knee jerk reaction. Steve said that his personal opinion is to take a breath and just address the violations. Tim Condon asked if the renovations for the Police Department included a holding tank. Sean answered no, it does not. Elaine responded that the plans need to be put on line and that this was not going to be resolved here. **Ed Grinley presented an amendment as follows: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$137,000.00) to remove the old town clerk's office and build a two-story addition on the site where the old town clerk's office was removed and to remedy violations found in the town office building per Dept. of Labor inspection. This is a special warrant article. (Should this article pass, Warrant Article #5 will become null and void) ***The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee does not recommend this article.***" Ayes: 60. Nays: 2 Amendment passed.** Much more discussion took place as to electrical/plumbing, heating, boiler, hot water and Labor Board violations. Steve

Darrow responded that the renovation plan addresses all of these issues. Steve Kudlik asked if the Town Clerk was to be on the 2nd floor was there a plan for an elevator. Sean responded that the Town Clerk would be on the 1st floor and the Police Department would be on the ground floor. Sharon Duffy asked if all 3 Articles fail what plan does the Selectboard have. Steve Darrow responded that they would have to approach the Department of Labor for assistance and guidance.

Amendment #2 for Article #4:

Amendment to Article #4 presented by Tim Condon and seconded by Jeremy Olson. “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of zero dollars (\$0) to remove the old Town Clerk’s office and build a two-story addition on the site where the old Town Clerk’s office was removed, and to remedy violations found in the Town Office building per Dept. of Labor inspection. This is a special warrant article. (Should this pass, Warrant Article #5 will become null and void.) Steve Darrow noted that everyone has a right to make an Amendment but it takes the choice away from voters. Ed stated that he agreed – let the voters make a choice and that it is their right. Deb Clough asked if an Article can be zeroed out. The Moderator affirmed it can. **Nancy Robinson motioned to move the question. Seconded by Cindy Drouin. Ayes: 74 Nays: 0. Motion passed. Vote on the Amendment: Ayes: 21 Nays: 62 Amendment failed. Motion to Limit Reconsideration to Article #4 by Angus Gorman. Seconded by Merle Kenyon. Ayes: 67 Nays: 7 Motion passed.**

Article #5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to remedy violations found in the town office building per Dept. of Labor inspection. This is a special warrant article. ***The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommends this article.***

Steve Darrow explained that this option would cover 8 violations from the DOL, which directly relate to safety issues (sill in Police Department, fire alarms, etc.) He noted that although it is the cheapest it does not satisfy the Town’s immediate needs.

Amendment presented by Ed Grinley as follows: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to remedy violations found in the town office building per Dept. of Labor inspection. This is a special warrant article. ***The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee does not recommend this article.*** Again, this is to correct a typographical error. **Ayes: 60 Nays: 2 Amendment passed.** Jeremy Olson spoke on behalf of the Planning Board. He noted that the Planning Board is looking for this cost to be reduced. Moderator Frost had taken an Amendment from Jeremy, but then realized that Robert Constantine had given her one previously. Moderator Frost tabled Jeremy’s Amendment; taking Robert’s first.

Amendment #2 for Article #5 presented by Robert Constantine to read as follows: “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 to remedy violations found in town office building per Dept of Labor inspection. This is a special warrant article. Should this article pass Warrant Articles #3 and #4 will become null and void.” Seconded by Jeremy Olson. **Angus Gorman moved the question. Seconded by Sean Frost. Motion to move question: Ayes: 74 Nays: 8 Motion passed. Vote on Amendment: Ayes: 29 Nays: 45. Amendment failed.**

Motion to Limit Reconsideration on Article #5 by Elaina and seconded by Angus Gorman. Motion withdrawn as the Moderator had already accepted an **Amendment from Jeremy Olson, which read, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to remedy violations found in the Town Office building per Dept. of Labor inspection. This is a special warrant article. Seconded by**

Robert Constantine. Jeremy stated that the Town could use volunteer labor. Jennie noted that volunteers had offered to address some of the violations, but they never showed up. Jeremy asked who that was. Jennie noted that Brian Fellers had offered to fix the railing at the Library but that Bob Bassett was the one who finally did it. Bruce Frost stated that you cannot vote on the probability of volunteers stepping up. Jim Dugan asked why the Selectmen did not wait to make all of the repairs until March. Sean stated that the Town Clerk's violations had to be addressed. Although the Labor Board was willing to give an extension on some of the violations they would not extend the move of the Town Clerk's Office. Jeremy noted that the Planning Board felt that the vestibule for the Selectmen's Administrative Assistant's Office was not necessary; she simply needs to lock her door. Joe Brown stated that if the Town votes for the \$12,000 and volunteers show up to do the work the money would not need to be spent. John Babiarz reminded that licensed electricians are required to do the work. Sean stated that he has no issues with volunteers, but the Town needs to employ contractors with insurance and also the ability to fall back on them if the work is not adequate. **Deb Clough called the question. Seconded by Cindy Drouin. Ayes: 66 Nays: 2 Motion to call question passed. Vote on Amendment: Ayes: 20 Nays: 69 Amendment failed. Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Cindy Drouin. Seconded by Elaina Bergamini. Ayes: 58 Nays: 3 Motion passed.**

Article #6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the previously established Library Capital Reserve Fund and appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. **(By Petition) The Selectmen recommend this article/The Budget Committee recommends this article.**

Jim Griffin, Library Trustee, stated that the Labor Board has recognized problems with the Library such as septic, water, and a railing to go downstairs. The Trustees would like to come up with a long-term plan as the present building, as it exists, is not functional for today's needs. He further noted that the Town Hall might be a short-term solution, but not for the long-term. The Trustees are looking at different funding sources. The Trustees are working toward a plan. They hope that a plan would satisfy the Labor Board. Steve noted that the Trustees did not want to go forth with a Warrant Article for a septic system as they were unclear as to what the long-term goal is. He agreed a plan will show the DOL that the issue is coming to resolution. Ed said that he supports the Library Trustees but he understood the Building Inspector to say that the sills were rotten. Steve affirmed that the sills needed attention. **Amendment presented by Jim Griffin to read as follows: "To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the already established Library Capital Reserve Fund and to appoint the Library Trustees as agents to expend for the purposes of developing a long term plan which will ultimately address the Labor Department's findings."** **Seconded by Deb Clough.** Jeremy stated that the Planning Board does not support this Warrant Article.

Jim Griffin informed the voters that the request for \$25,000 would start the process, pay architectural costs, etc. They did not plan on using the whole \$25,000 to come up with a plan. Deb Clough noted that installing water and septic would not remedy all of the Library's problems. Deb spoke of a visitor a week ago who turned out to be a grandson of the man who built the Library. Joe Brown noted that he and Deb had spoken a few days ago and discussed the possibility of moving the existing Library. Jim urged people to support this Article and to make the Trustees the agents, which makes sense. Jeremy asked if this amendment changed the intent of the Article. Moderator Frost accepted the Amendment. Catherine Mulholland asked if the Trustees of the Trust Funds should also be included in the Article. Jeremy (a Trustee of the Trust Funds) said that would not be necessary. Sandra Griffin moved the question. **Seconded by Cindy Kudlik. Motion to move the question: Ayes: 80 Nays: 1 Motion passed. Vote on Amendment: Ayes: 70 Nays: 12 Amendment passed. Amendment presented by Jeremy Olson as follows: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars to be placed in the previously established Library Capital Reserve Fund and to appoint the Library Trustees as agents to expend for the purposes of developing a long term plan which will ultimately address the Labor Department's findings."** **Seconded by Steve Kudlik.** Jeremy stated that \$25,000 was too much to develop a plan. Deb noted that if

the present Library was required to put in a septic and water the cost would far exceed \$25,000. Steve Kudlik stated that it was difficult to support the Article unless they had a plan. Bonnie explained that she had tried for many years to get a Capital Improvement Plan in Grafton, which works well in other towns, but the Planning Board (where it has to start) was not supportive of it. Elaina stated that at this rate it would take 100 years to build a new Library. **Dan Bergamini moved the question. Seconded by Travis Anderson. Motion to move the question: Ayes: 71 Nays: 2 Vote for Amendment: Ayes: 21 Nays: 60 Amendment failed. Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Dan Bergamini and seconded by Cindy Kudlik. Ayes: 65 Nays: 2 Motion passed.**

Article #7:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate eleven thousand two hundred dollars (\$11,200) to be used to remedy violations found at the Recycle Center per Dept . of Labor and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this amount from the Recycle Revolving Account. ***The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee does not recommend this article.***

Motion to discuss by Joe Brown. Seconded by Jeremy Olson. Ayes: 37 Nays: 6 Motion passed. Jeremy reported that the Planning Board did not support this Article. He stated that the Planning Board members had visited the Recycling Center and determined that the employees at the Recycling Center could use the Highway Department facilities and it was no further to walk than the compactors at the end of the property. Jennie stated that the Article had nothing to do with walking distance that the employees need readily access to water in case of a chemical spill, battery acid or any need to decontaminate. Jeremy asked Tom Ploszaj to speak on the issue. Tom stated that he had been to view the Recycling Center and that there was an emergency eye wash on sight and if the employees needed more the walk to the Highway Department is less than the furthest container. Jennie stressed that this would not cost the taxpayers any money as the Recycling Center Revolving Account is available to fund this. Travis Anderson asked if the DOL had stipulated any distance that the water had to be available. Jennie stated that there is the possibility of contaminants that need to be addressed. Travis asked again if the DOL had stipulated a distance. Steve responded that the DOL had not stipulated a distance but the funds were available to support the project without tax burden. Jeremy stated that this request was more wanted than necessary. Amendment presented by Steve Darrow which reads, **“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate eleven thousand two hundred dollars (\$11,200) to be used to remedy violations found at the Recycle Center per Dept . of Labor and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this amount from the Recycle Revolving Account. This article if passed will have no impact on taxation.” *The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee does not recommend this article.*** Steve Kudlik reminded the voters that there is no such thing as a free lunch. Cindy Kudlik asked what the balance was in the revolving account. Jennie responded that there was approximately \$40,000. Tom Ploszaj noted that the Town has 8 violations and citations. He said that there is no reason the employees can’t use the Highway Department. **Vote on amendment: Ayes: 62 Nays: 4 Amendment passed. Amendment presented by Jeremy Olson that reads, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate zero dollars (\$0) to be used to remedy violations found at the Recycle Center per Dept. of Labor inspection and to and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this amount from the Recycle Center Revolving Account.” Seconded by Steve Kudlik. Angus Gorman stated that this is democracy hogwash and asked to move the question. Seconded by Cindy Drouin. Motion to move the question: Ayes: 61 Nays: 15. Motion passed. Vote on amendment: Ayes: 21 Nays: 45 Motion failed. Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Merle. Seconded by Elaina Bergamini. Ayes: 56 Nays: 3.**

Article #8:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred thirty-seven one hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$137,178) to repair and upgrade the heating system in the Fire/Ambulance building. This will be a 5 year non-lapsing fund.” ***The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommends this article.***

Motion to discuss by Cindy Kudlik. Seconded by Wayne Kramer. Ayes: 65 Nays: 3. Sean explained that the Town had been part of a class action law suit and this money was awarded due to some of these heating systems installed in the US had failed. He stated that the plan was to bring the original floor back to what it used to be. He noted that one of the heating loops in the floor has failed. He stated that the Town had granted the use of these funds at last year's election but due to delays they had not been able to go through the process properly. Fire Chief Babiarz stated that when the work is complete it must be up to state code. Maureen O'Reilly asked why they had chosen a 5 year non-lapsing fund and asked why they don't wait until the floor really fails. Steve noted that if they get a 5 year non-lapsing they don't have to go back to the voters each year to expend. Tim Condon asked if it all had to be spent on the fire station. Steve responded that it is labeled a special warrant article, therefore it must be spent for this purpose only. George Curran asked if the Article had to contain that language. **Amendment presented by Steve Darrow, which reads, ““To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred thirty-seven one hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$137,178) to repair and upgrade the heating system in the Fire/Ambulance building. This will be a 5 year non-lapsing fund. This article, if passed will have no impact on taxation.” The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommends this article.** Robert Constantine asked if not all of the money is spent on the floor could the balance be used to offset taxes. Steve responded that it could be used for that purpose. **Vote on Amendment: Ayes: 69 Nay: 1 Amendment passed. Amendment presented by Robert Forshee which read, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred thirty-seven thousand one hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$137,178) to repair and upgrade the heating system in the Fire/Ambulance building. This will be a 5 year non-lapsing fund. Existing claims against the Town related to this project must be settled before the Town may proceed with construction.” Seconded by Tom Ploszaj.** Robert Forshee expressed his concern regarding the existing litigation against the Town due to a canceled contract for this work. He asked if the Town should wait to see what the ramifications are before proceeding. Tim asked what contract he was referring to. Robert Forshee stated that the Town had an agreement with Smith River Energy which the Town canceled. Sean stated that the contract had been canceled because the proposal submitted did not meet codes. He further stated that the liability the Town would have faced could have been far greater than accepting the contract. Sean said he could not speak further on the issue due to litigation. Jeremy Olson asked if the Town has liability insurance to cover this suit. Steve Darrow responded that it would not cover this issue. Maureen stated that she felt it changed the intent of the Article. Moderator Frost disagreed. Sean stated that if the Warrant Article fails and the heating system fails – where would the money come from? **Angus Gorman motioned to move the question. Seconded by Daniel Bergamini. Ayes: 67 Nays: 2 Vote on Amendment: Ayes: 13 Nays: 53. Amendment failed. Amendment presented by Steve Darrow, which reads, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred thirty-seven thousand one hundred seventy eight (\$137,178) to be withdrawn from the unassigned fund balance to repair and upgrade the heating system in the Fire/Ambulance building. This will be a 5 year non-lapsing fund. The article, if passed will have no impact on taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommends this article.** Robert Constantine asked if there were left over monies would the Selectboard use it to offset taxes. Steve replied that he was not opposed to doing that. Jennie agreed. Sean cautioned taxpayers because if the Town gets into the habit of doing that and a year comes when they can't the taxes would spike. John Connell asked if the Town has set aside monies for legal suits. Steve responded that they have not and if a suit comes up they would need to find the funds. **Deb made a motion to move the question. Seconded by Wendall Clough. Ayes: 63 Nays: 2 Motion passed. Vote on amendment: Ayes: 66 Nays: 8. Amendment passed. Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Wendall Clough. Seconded by Lorraine Clough. Ayes: 55 Nays: 4 Motion passed.**

Article #9:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for the purpose of paving town roads. *The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommends this article.* Motion to discuss by Neil Alexander and seconded by Angus Gorman. Ayes: 42 Nays: 4 Motion passed.

Neil Alexander asked what paving money was included in the operating budget. Steve noted that there is nothing included in the operating budget for paving. He said that the Town receives a block grant (\$120,000 this year) which helps offset the highway budget. Steve noted that there are approximately 60 miles on roads in Grafton and that the paved roads are deteriorating. He further explained that last year they had to rip up a paved road because it was in such bad need of repair. Christopher Cairns asked if the Article could specify exactly what road would be done as it is easier to make a decision if you know what you are paying for. Steve said that people could consult with the Road Agent but the intent for this money was to put Riddle Hill back in order. Ed noted that there is \$20,000 in the operating budget for paving. He also stated that 1 mile of road cost approximately \$65,000 to repair. Steve said they keep this in the operating budget because if it was put as a separate warrant article and failed there would not even be money for cold patch. Tim Condon asked if this money is dedicated to existing roads or new paving. Steve responded that it was only for repairing existing paved roads. **Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Merle Kenyon. Seconded by Neil Alexander. Ayes: 60 Nays: 3. Motion passed.**

Article #10:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase the Paula Webster Property across from the Town Office Building on Library Road and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow the sum of \$45,000.00 (forty-five thousand dollars) to do so. (By Petition). *The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommends this article.*

Jennie stated that Paula Webster had approached her and requested she present this to the taxpayers. Discussion ensued regarding possible usage, including a place to relocate the Library. It was noted that the property has an existing well and septic. **Amendment presented by Joe Brown, which reads, “To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase the Paula Webster Property across from the Town Office Building on Library Road and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to do so.” Seconded by Jeremy Olson.** Tim Condon asked how much land the Town of Grafton presently owns. The Board did not have a response for him. Sean cautioned when looking at that information as it includes cemeteries also. Tim asked how much land was included on this parcel. Jennie stated approximately 2 acres. Sean stated that the property is central to the Town Offices and town facilities and urged those present to let the voters decide. Deb Clough stated that in her conversations with the present owner, \$30,000 would not be considered. Joe said he is not opposed to the purchase but the Town needs to get it at an excellent price. Karen Meyers asked what the asking price is. Deb responded that it is \$50,000 so the Town is getting a break. Maureen stated that Paula Webster had offered it to the Town in 2006 for \$40,000. Deb said in her conversation with a realty company; they indicated that the \$45,000 is a good purchase. **Vote on amendment: Ayes: 23 Nays: 45 Amendment failed.** Jeremy stated that the Planning Board is not in favor of this purchase. Much discussion ensued including the need for an updated Master Plan, terms of the loan versus a bond. Steve stated that this Article was a petitioned article, therefore it was accepted as presented. Deb cautioned that once the property is purchased it is gone and the Town will have no control as to what is built on it. **Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Kamala Tupper and seconded by Elaina Bergamini: Ayes: 57 Nays: 11.**

Article #11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of placing ledge pack on town dirt roads. ***The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.***

Scott Smith noted that he has received nothing but positive feedback regarding the utilization of this product. Steve Darrow stated that the Road Agent started using ledge pack on the roads this year. Lorraine Clough asked how many miles the \$40,000 would cover. No one seem to be able to answer her question. Tim Condon stated that the highway budget is the single largest budget for the Town and asked why this expense was not included in the operating budget. Steve Darrow stated that the highway budget could be in peril if all of these funds were included in the operating budget, which would inflate the budget.

Article #12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the previously established Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund. ***The Selectmen recommend this article/ the Budget Committee recommends this article.***

Steve Darrow stated that putting away these monies allows a gradual plan for the future. Fire Chief Babiarz informed the voters that the newest trucks cost between \$130,000 and \$140,000 with a life expectancy of 20 years. The 1972 fire engine has been out of service for 4 or 5 years. The prime vehicle is now about 14 years old. The cost today to replace it is between \$200,000 and \$250,000. He further noted according to the 10 year plan this truck should have been replaced last year. Lorraine Clough noted that if the Town were to combine all of the Capital Reserve Funds together the Town could purchase something it really needs. **Amendment presented by Maureen O'Reilly which reads, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in the previously established Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund." Seconded by Jeremy Olson. Vote on Amendment: Ayes: 23 Nays: 49 Amendment failed. Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Rosalie Babiarz. Seconded by John Connell. Ayes: 56 Nays: 4 Motion passed.**

Article #13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed into the previously established Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund. ***The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommends this article.***

Motion to discuss by Tim Condon. Seconded by Cindy Kudlik. Scott Smith said that he had a conversation with the Road Agent and Bob had indicated that there have been recent problems with the grader, which is very old. **Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Jennie. Seconded by Sean. Motion passed.**

Article #14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) to be placed in the previously established Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. ***The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommends this article.***

Motion to discuss by Ed Grinley. Seconded by Russell Poitras. Police Chief Russell Poitras said that the police vehicles need to be replaced every 7 years. Repairs on one of the existing vehicles are starting to cost more than the vehicle is worth. Currently there is approximately \$14,000 in the Capital Reserve Account and a new vehicle costs approximately \$38,000 to \$40,000. Chief Poitras is aiming for a purchase in 3 years.

Amendment presented by Tim Condon which read, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in the previously established Police Vehicle Reserve Fund.” Seconded by Jeremy Olson. Tim Condon stated that we have a new cruiser with blacked out windows and no police markings. He further stated that traditionally Grafton has been a 1 police officer town and that Grafton does not need more police here. Chief Poitras stated that the call volume is up significantly by 25% and that Grafton has been more than a 1 police officer town for more than 10 years. Poitras noted that the police department has been working extremely hard over the past couple of years. Jeremy asked for the number of calls. Chief Poitras said his log is not accurate due to the way the system logs. David Tupper asked how often there is a need for 2 officers and 2 cruisers. Chief Poitras responded that one cruiser, in addition to patrolling is utilized for transportation to court, training, investigating, etc and there is a need to have a deputy on duty at the same time to assist in coverage. Tim Condon stated that he is not anti Russell or anti Police but there is not a need for additional police. Chief Poitras stated that Merle Kenyon, previous Police Chief, has given his life to the Town and for free, but Poitras stated that he has a family, which is also important to him. Angela Barry stated that perhaps the budget Chief Kenyon worked on was not adequate at the time. **Sandra Griffin motioned to move the question. Seconded by Pamela Curran. Ayes: 46 Nays: 17 Motion passed. Vote on Amendment: Ayes: 17 Nays: 48 Amendment failed. Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Kamala Tupper. Seconded by Elaine Bergamini. Ayes: 58 Nays: 8 Motion passed.**

Article #15:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw the sum of \$4347.95 plus accrued interest, from the Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose, for building a storage vault in a new Town Office Building. (Should the article for a new building pass this amount shall be deducted from the \$296,000.00. If the article doesn’t pass, this article will be null and void). **(By Petition)**
The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommends this article.

Motion to discuss by Joe Brown. Seconded by Jeremy Olson. Ayes: 32 Nays: 23 Motion passed. Amendment presented by Steve Darrow, which read, To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw the sum of \$4347.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose, for building a storage vault in a new Town Office Building. (Should the article for a new building pass this amount shall be deducted from the \$296,000.00. If the article doesn’t pass, this article will be null and void). **(By Petition).** ***The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommends this article.*** Steve withdrew his Amendment as it did not get a second. Steve explained that he brought forth this amendment to round off the figure and that the Article could not include the wording “plus accrued interest”. Amendment presented by Edward Grinley which read, “To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw the sum of \$4302.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund created for the purpose of constructing a storage vault in a new Town Office building. (Should this Article for a new Town Office Building pass this amount will be deducted from the \$296,000. If the Article doesn’t pass this Article will be null and void.) Seconded by Joe Brown. Cindy Kudlik asked why the requested amount decreased. Catherine Mulholland responded that the interest took a plunge last year and is now climbing back up. **Vote on the amendment: Ayes: 57 Nays: 2 Amendment passed. Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Angus Gorman. Seconded by Kamala Tupper. Amendment passed by voice vote.**

Article #16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the restoration of the Town’s historical records. ***The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommends this article.***

Motion to discuss by Joe Brown. Seconded by Jeremy Olson. Bonnie Haubrich, Town Clerk, spoke on the Article. She stated that the project of restoring the Town records began about 18 years ago with the previous Town Clerk, Donna Dugan and for many years the project laid idle. There are approximately 41 books in total. The Town has restored 14 of these books, dating back to the 1700s. The total estimate for 24 of the 41 books 3 years ago was \$43,000. Bonnie stated that she had applied for a grant for \$10,000 3 years ago and received \$9,973, which restored 7 of the books. She said she continues to apply for grants to further this project and asked that the voters support this Warrant Article. Tim asked where the books are stored. Bonnie responded that as many as she can fit are stored in the fireproof file cabinets, but many are too large to store in them. He asked why the books can't just be digitized. Bonnie stated that the books that have been restored are also digitized at that time. **Amendment presented by Jeremy Olson and seconded by Tim Condon which reads, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the restoration of the Town's historical records. (No amount of this money shall be raised by taxation.)"** Jeremy stated that this is an excellent project but that monies could be sought through additional resources such as the NH Historical Society. Sharon Duffy stated that there is a new citizen in town who does limited restoration such as seam binding, etc. **Vote on Amendment: Ayes: 25 Nays: 49 Amendment failed. Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Kamala Tupper. Seconded by Patricia Bolduc. Motion passed by voice vote.**

Article #17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500) to increase the Town Clerk's stipend. *The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommend this article.*

Motion to discuss by Peg Emslie. Seconded by Cindy Drouin. Steve Darrow stated that the Town Clerk has not had an increase in several years and the Board supported this Article. **Amendment presented by Ed Grinley which reads, "To state the Budget Committee does not recommend."** Seconded by Cindy Drouin. Scott Smith stated that he had received information from Ed indicating that with the Town Clerk's fees she is getting around \$22.00 an hour. Bonnie responded that the information Ed disseminated in not at all accurate. She stated that she receives a yearly stipend of \$3,350 a year plus fees and that she works far more hours than her office hours indicate. She further stated that she is open more hours than any previous Town Clerk. Merle Kenyon noted that the ability to register your vehicle in Town is worth the fees and this request is not asking for much. Angus Gorman asked to let the voters decide. **Motion to move the question by Angus Gorman. Seconded by Cindy Drouin. Vote on Amendment: Passed with a voice vote. Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Angus Gorman and seconded by Rosalie Babiarz. Motion passed with a voice vote.**

Article #18:

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease the land and buildings known as the East Grafton Christian Union Church and Parsonage to the Grafton Township Historical Society until such time as the organization no longer exists or ceases activities for a period of one year.

Motion to discuss by Deb Clough. Seconded by Joe Brown. Amendment presented by Robert Constantine which read, "To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to offer a no bid rental contract and open the Town to all of the potential landlord liabilities and costs when leasing the land and buildings known as the East Grafton Township Historical Society until such time as the organization no longer exists or ceases activities for a period of one year. Seconded by Bob Forshee. Bob Constantine reminded the voters of the potential liability of becoming a landlord. Ken Cushing, President of the Grafton Historical Society, stated that the cost to repair the floors, sills and drainage problems is approximately \$80,000 and in order for the Historical Society to take on these costs they need a guarantee of return (extended lease). Ken stated that they have applied for a grant and have received \$40,000 towards the project. Ken noted that this is a serious investment on their behalf. He stated that the Town owns multiple

properties and that the Town provides liability insurance on those properties. Ken discussed their plans for the building usage, including the possibility of opening it up for Town usage. Deb Clough stated that this church had been moved down from the hill and stated that it is in no better hands than the Historical Society. She asked those present to vote this amendment down and get on with it. Neil Alexander accused the body of being on a spending spree. Jeremy asked who would own the improvements and if taken or given back will the Town be responsible for the cost of those improvements. Steve Darrow stated that the Historical Society is aware there is no payback. George Curran stated that when he was on the Selectboard the Historical Society had purchased the Carding Mill and asked the Town to cover the liability. **Motion to move the question by Angus Gorman. Seconded by Patricia Bolduc. Motion passed by voice vote. Vote on Amendment: Failed by voice vote.** Peg Emslie stated that a one year lease is too small but felt indefinite was too large. Cindy Kudlik noted that she was under the impression that it had to be a 5 year lease and asked what changed. Steve Darrow said the attorney reviewed the lease and found it acceptable. **Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Kamala Tupper and seconded by Merle Kenyon. Motion passed by voice vote.**

Article #19:

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the Budget Committee shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than one percent. *(By Petition)*

Motion to discuss by Bob Constantine and seconded by Jeremy Olson. Ayes: 33 Nays: 26 Motion passed. Jeremy Olson noted that is Article requires a 3/5 vote and limits spending 1% over the previous year. Tim Condon stated that the City of Laconia has a tax cap and asked if anyone has information pertaining to how it works for them. Jeremy stated that Manchester and Franklin also have it and the information he has received is that it is working well. Sean asked Jeremy what their annual budgets were. Jeremy did not have that information. Jim Griffin stated that 1% cannot keep up with inflation. Deb Clough stated that the Article is too radical and that we vote in Budget Committee members and Selectmen to make these decisions. Maureen O'Reilly stated that both the Budget Committee and Selectmen work very hard and it is an insult not to acknowledge the work and effort put into the budget. **Amendment presented by Maureen O'Reilly which read, "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5:6, and implement a tax cap whereby the Budget Committee shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 5%?" Seconded by Deb Clough.** Jeremy noted that 2% went on the Warrant last year. **Vote on Amendment: Ayes: 27 Nays: 29**

Amendment failed. Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Joe Brown. Seconded by Jeremy Olson. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article #20:

To see if the Town will vote to require the Moderator and other Town officials to use *Robert's Rules of Order* at the Deliberative Session and all other meetings held by the Town. The eleventh edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be used unless the voters vote to adopt a newer edition at some future Town Meeting. *(By Petition)*

Motion to discuss by Neil Alexander. Seconded by Jeremy Olson. Joe Brown stated that this Article was pretty straight forward. Steve Darrow noted that according to Town Counsel this Article would only be binding at a single meeting. Jeremy stated that it should be made a standing policy. **Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Steve Darrow and seconded by Kamala Tupper. Motion passed by voice vote.**

Article #21:

To see if the Town will pass an ordinance that shall be known as “The Grafton United Nations Free Zone Act”. The purpose of this Act is to establish the Town of Grafton, New Hampshire as a United Nations free zone in that the United Nations is prohibited within the Town limits and that citizens are sovereign from the jurisdiction of the United Nations. To maintain and preserve the Supreme Law of the Land as set forth in the Constitution of the State of New Hampshire, and of these United States of America to the benefit of the people of the Town of Grafton, include but not limited to, the freedom of speech, press, assembly and petition, and the right to bear arms, to trial by jury, to the privilege against self incrimination and to the common law writ of habeas corpus. To protect the citizens of the Town of Grafton from taxation without representation, by forbidding the implementation within the town limits of any tax, levy, fee, assessment, surcharge, or any other financial imposition by the United Nations. *(By Petition)*

Motion to discuss by Steve Kudlik and seconded by Joe Brown. John Babiarz presented his opinion to support this Article, stating that Grafton should be a free zone. Deb Clough noted that this Article seems to appear every year (4 or 6 times) and stated let it go on the ballot and fail again. Jeremy Olson corrected her to say it has not been on the ballot for the past 2 years. Tim Condon stated that it is very clear that the United Nations is very corrupt. **Amendment presented by Rich Blair, which read, “To see if the Town will pass an ordinance that shall be known as “The Grafton Sponge Bob Square Pants Free Zone Act”. The purpose of this Act is to establish the Town of Grafton, New Hampshire as a Sponge Bob Square Pants free zone in that Sponge Bob Square Pants is prohibited within the Town limits and that citizens are sovereign from the jurisdiction of Sponge Bob Square Pants. To maintain and preserve the Supreme Law of the Land as set forth in the Constitution of the State of New Hampshire, and of these United States of America to the benefit of the people of the Town of Grafton, include but not limited to, the freedom of speech, press, assembly and petition, and the right to bear arms, to trial by jury, to the privilege against self incrimination and to the common law writ of habeas corpus. To protect the citizens of the Town of Grafton from taxation without representation, by forbidding the implementation within the town limits of any tax, levy, fee, assessment, surcharge, or any other financial imposition by Sponge Bob Square Pants. Seconded by Deb Clough. After reading this Amendment the Moderator refused to accept the Amendment.**

Article #22:

RESOLVED, the People of Grafton, NH stand with communities across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting effects of undue corporate power by amending the United States Constitution to establish that: 1) Only human beings, not corporations, are endowed with constitutional rights, and 2) Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the People of Grafton, NH, hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort. *(By Petition)*

Motion to discuss by Steve Kudlik . Seconded by Neil Alexander. Catherine Mulholland stated that this Article is on more than 50 towns/cities Warrant this year and it is to clarify constitutional rights. Bob Constantine said he appreciated the sentiment but the government is meant to protect. Tony Stelleck stated that this is a direct violation to the constitution. Jeremy stated that as a Libertarian, he supports the 1st ½ of the Article but not the entire Article. **Amendment presented by Joe Brown which read, “RESOLVED, the people of Grafton, NH stand with communities across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting effects of undue corporate power by amending the United States Constitution to establish that only human beings, not corporations, are endowed with constitutional rights. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the People of Grafton, NH, hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort.** Bruce Frost stated that it changed the intent of the Article. Joe Brown responded that expressing an opinion does not change the intent. **The Moderator refused to accept this Amendment stating that it was her opinion that it would change the intent. Motion by Bruce Frost to Limit Reconsideration on Article #21 and Article #22. Seconded by Cindy Kudlik. Motion passed by voice vote.**

Article #23:

To see if the Town shall notify the voters of Grafton of their natural and historic right and responsibility as jurors, sitting on juries in all cases including grand juries, to judge the law as well as the facts before them, a right recognized by the State of New Hampshire with the passage of HB146 (*Laws of 2012*, c. 243) and codified as RSA 519:23-a, which stated that “in all criminal proceedings the court shall permit the defense to inform the jury of its right to judge the facts and the application of the law in relation to the facts in controversy.” The information shall be sent by the Town to all voters individually via first-class mail, and shall be prepared entirely by volunteers, information which may include pamphlets prepared by the Fully Informed Jury Association, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. All costs shall be paid using voluntarily raised funds. (*By Petition*)

Motion to discuss by Joe Brown and seconded by Jeremy Olson. John Connell spoke on this Article and contended that this is the one place where your rights are protected. He stated that this mailing will be of no cost to the Town and will all be done by volunteers. Deb Clough asked if the DRA would allow this passage and is the Town expected to raise money to support it. She reminded all that volunteers have offered in the past to support endeavors and have not shown up. John Connell stated that there is nothing in the Article that obligates the Town to anything. Elaina Bergamini asked Connell why he didn’t just do it. He responded that if a mailing went out in his name it would probably be ignored, but coming on Town letterhead would bring a better response. Deb Clough brought attention to the fact the Article says, “The information shall be sent by the Town to all voters individually via first-class mail”. Bob Constantine stated that he has already donated money towards this effort and is willing to donate additional money. Patricia Bolduc asked why the project needs validation from the Town. Joe Brown stated that it is the same forum as notifying a dog owner of the need to register his dog. **Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Steve Kudlik. Seconded by Jeremy Olson.**
Motion passed by voice vote.

Article #24:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a donation reserve trust fund and to appoint the Selectboard as agents to expend those monies. The fund’s purpose is to allow donors to fund the regular or unanticipated expenses of the Town, and to allow those donors to indicate the purposes for which their donated funds must be used. Donations may, at the time they are presented to the Town, have stipulations attached, but the Selectboard may refuse to accept any donation if the Selectboard determines that the stipulations are inappropriate, unreasonable, or excessively burdensome. Acceptance of any donation is a binding agreement to restrict the expenditure of those funds based upon the stipulations. If the Selectboard later reverses its decision to accept a donation, the funds shall be refunded to the donor who supplied them. Severability: this Article is not severable, and any final determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that such stipulations may not be applied to donations shall also void this Article in its entirety, and all donated fund then in the Town’s possession shall be refunded to their respective donors. (*By Petition*)

Steve Darrow read a legal opinion from Town Counsel which indicating there is no need for this Article as the Town already has the authority to accept donations according to RSA 31:95(b) and 31:19(a). Maureen asked who the author of this Article is. Joe Brown stated that he was the author. Elaina Bergamini related her experience as a Library Trustee and the problems with donations being specified for a certain purpose. Joe Brown stated that the Selectmen would have the right to refuse the donation if it became too cumbersome. Elaina stated then would the donors fault the Selectboard for refusing the donation? **Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Wendall Clough. Seconded by Jeremy Olson. Motion passed by voice vote.**

Article #25:

To see if the Town will vote to require that the Town’s unencumbered income must be used for tax reduction rather than being held as an account balance, except that the Selectboard may vote to maintain a balance not to

exceed 5% of the current year's budget or such amount as may be required by statute. Using such funds to decrease loan balances in order to reduce the overall tax burden over multiple years shall be considered to be in accordance with the intent of this Article. *(By Petition)*

Motion to discuss by Kamala Tupper and seconded by Bob Constantine. Jim Griffin asked the Selectboard when they receive the fund balance numbers. Steve Darrow stated they do not get this information until the spring when the MS5 is prepared. He noted that the DRA suggests holding a balance of 10% for emergency funding. Steve stated that the balance at the end of 2012 was \$137,000 (reserved for the fire station heating repairs) and \$167,792. **Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Joe Brown and seconded by Jeremy Olson. Motion passed by voice vote.**

Article #26:

To see if the Town will vote to require the Moderator to determine and announce an alternate date and time for the Deliberative Session at the same time that the primary date and time are set, for the purpose of allowing voters to schedule availability in advance in case inclement weather or other circumstances require that the primary date be canceled. *(By Petition)*

Motion to discuss by Joe Brown and seconded by Jeremy Olson. Joe Brown noted this would help people who had to make arrangements for child care or appointments, etc. **Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Joe Brown. Seconded by Kamala Tupper. Motion passed by voice vote.**

Article #27:

To see if the Town of Grafton will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee to reduce the annual town budget by ten percent for the next three years. *(By Petition)*

Motion to discuss by Bruce Frost and seconded by Kamala Tupper. Steve Darrow stated that this Article is a non-binding Article. Tim Condon stated if it is not binding it is advisory. **Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Kamala Tupper and seconded by Dan Bergamini. Motion passed by voice vote.**

Article #28:

To see if the Town will vote to repeal Warrant Article #24 of the Town Meeting of 1994, and the resulting ordinance, which prohibits the possession of open containers of alcoholic beverages and/or the consumption of the same on Town property. The repeal of this ordinance shall not supersede, overrule, or in any other way affect any State or Federal laws or regulations governing the possession of alcohol on public property or its use by Town employees. *(By Petition)*

Motion to discuss by Steve Darrow and seconded by Jeremy Olson. Jeremy ensured those present that this does not overrule any state laws regarding drinking nor does it allow Town employees the right to drink on the job. **Amendment was presented by Joe Brown which read, "To see if the Town will vote to repeal Warrant Article #24 of the Town Meeting of 1994, and the resulting ordinance, which prohibits the possession of open containers of alcoholic beverages and/or the consumption of the same on Town property. The repeal of this ordinance shall not supersede, overrule, or in any way affect any State or Federal laws or regulations governing the possession of alcohol on public property or public intoxication or its use by Town employees."** Seconded by Jeremy Olson. Joe assured that this did not support public intoxication. Police Chief Poitras noted that this could have the potential of bringing on more alcohol problems but the people of Grafton should vote on it. He also stated that he hoped that it would exclude the July Celebration. Jim Dugan stated that he had been the principle voice that helped enact this ordinance in

1994. He related that following a July Celebration a person had left the Rec Field intoxicated and had died in a car accident down the road. He stated that the Town should not have that liability. Bonnie Haubrich stated that although she was not giving an opinion one way or the other on this Article she wanted to clarify the incident Jim was referring to. At the time she was an EMT and responded to that fatality. The gentleman who died was intoxicated but he had not been at the July Celebration; he had come down the hill from his residence and overturned his car on Route 4. Rich Blair and Steve Colburn who had both been EMTs at the time supported that statement. Lorraine Clough stated that other neighboring towns allow alcohol on town property it becomes individual responsibility. Joe Brown stated that if they are going to drink; they are going to drink. Jim Spaulding responded that he used to attend the July Celebration but the alcohol brought out the cussing and behavior that he did not want his children exposed to. Merle Kenyon noted that his life as Police Chief was much easier once the ordinance was enacted. Much discussion followed regarding this issue. **Motion to move the question by Steven Kudlik and seconded by Jeremy Olson. Motion passed by voice vote. Vote on Amendment: Failed by voice vote. Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Jeremy Olson and seconded by Kamala Tupper. Passed by voice vote.**

Article #29:

To see if the Town will vote to require that any building energy improvements shall be done in such a way as to provide a reasonable return on investment. For the purposes of this Article, "building energy system" shall refer to any device or set of devices which are designed to produce, transfer, or conserve energy in a building, including (but not limited to) heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems. For the purposes of this Article, "reasonable return on investment" shall be defined as recovery of the total cost of the project as savings in purchased energy within a term of six years for any upgrade or change to an existing system, eight years for replacement of a system which is less than ten years old, ten years for replacement of a system which is more than ten years old, and twelve years for replacement of a system which has actually failed to function. Determinations of system failure and analysis of return on investment calculations provided by bidders shall be made by independent contractors, who shall be prohibited from bidding upon the project for which they submitted an analysis for a period of five years. **(By Petition)**

Sean Frost stated that this Article was clearly a way to get rid of the project to replace the fire station floor. Sean noted that these funds were received from a civil suit. Joe Brown noted that the floor would have to be put out to bid as a separate item. Sean accused this Article as being aimed to derail the project. Jim Griffin noted that it addresses improvements and the floor is actually a repair. Steve Darrow shared the opinion from Town Counsel which stated "cannot say is not binding". Jeremy stated that this disallowed anyone doing an analysis from bidding on a project. Wayne Kramer asked who pay for the analysis? And asked where the wording, "town property" comes in to play in this Article. Joe Brown responded that it did not have to state "town property" as it is a given. Scott Smith reminded all that Town buildings fall under state regulations. **Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Joe Brown and seconded by Deb Clough. Motion passed by voice vote.**

Article #30:

To see if the Town will begin the process of withdrawing from the Mascoma Valley Regional School District, in accordance with the process outlined in RSA 195:25. This Article does not constitute a vote on whether the Town will leave the District, but solely acts to establish a study to determine the impact on both the Town and the District, such that voters in a future year may make an informed choice on this issue. **(By Petition)**

The Moderator appointed Bonnie Haubrich as Moderator Pro Tem for this Article in order for her to speak on the issue. Motion to discuss by Dan Bergamini and seconded by Kamala Tupper. Tim Condon stated that the intent is just for a study to be done and that this Article does not throw Grafton out of the district. He stated that Grafton pays \$150,000 a month and if Grafton pulls out it is still entitled to state education

education funds. He noted that we can provide a better education in Grafton. Susan Frost stated that she had worked in the Mascoma School District for many years and that people need to consider the whole picture – such as special needs (the cost of educating a special needs child), transportation, legal requirements for curriculum and the fact that we have to pay for the study. Schooling in Grafton would be very expensive. Neil Alexander suggested we look into sending our children to other schools. Steve Darrow noted that he too had served on the School Board and that during Enfield’s study they found they would have to tuition their children back into Mascoma if other school districts refused them. Jerome Kramer disagreed with this Article and stated that we need to do what is best for our kids. Bruce Frost indicated that the Town will be surprised at the cost of this study and that he had been a member of the School Board when Enfield studied to withdraw and the costs were extreme. Deb Clough noted that the Town has a hard enough time to renovating a Town Clerk’s office – don’t think the Town should take on a school. Neil Alexander stated that we are not getting our money’s worth. He noted that he home schools his children. **Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Elanina Bergamini and seconded by Steve Darrow. Motion passed by voice vote.**

Susan thanked those coming today. Steve Colburn thanked Susan for doing such a good job as Moderator.

Motion to adjourn by Kamala Tupper and seconded by Elaina Bergamini. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie J. Haubrich
Town Clerk

Motions or Amendments not taken by the Moderator:

I make a motion to discuss the budget, warrant articles, line by line. (Steve Kudlik)

Amendment to #3: To require the Selectmen to appoint a committee to review/amend the proposed design before commencing constructing or borrowing. (Jeff Weiss)

This Article requires 3/5 vote. (Author unknown – Article # unknown)

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

ACCT.#	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3,V)	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
General Government					
4130-4139	Executive	44,000	46,607	49,000	49,000
4140-4149	Election, Regular & Vital Statistics	28,223	24,272	30,658	32,083
4150-4151	Financial Administration	39,044	37,267	52,300	49,417
4152	Revaluation of Property	25,060	21,737	25,060	25,060
4153	Legal Expense	10,000	13,037	15,000	15,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	23,925	22,761	24,000	24,000
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	50	0	41	750
4194	General Government Buildings	51,200	75,894	66,000	64,426
4195	Cemeteries	6,200	5,952	8,000	8,000
4196	Insurance	94,683	79,207	85,249	85,249
4197	Advertising & Regional Assn.	1,500	1,780	1,500	1,500
4199	Other General Government	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
Public Safety					
4210-4214	Police	116,293	122,222	128,373	132,053
4215-4219	Ambulance	12,830	7,610	15,780	14,280
4220-4229	Fire	16,000	12,889	19,520	14,470
4240-4249	Building Inspection				
4290-4298	Emergency Management	100	70	500	100
4299	Other - Forest Warden	1,000	967	1,000	1,000
Airport/Aviation Center					
4301-4309	Airport Operations				
Highways & Streets					
4311	Administration				
4312	Highways & Streets	309,000	321,270	347,800	342,800
4313	Bridges				
4316	Street Lighting	2,000	2,579	2,700	2,700
4319	Other				

ACCT.#	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3,V)	Appropriations		Actual	Selectmen's Appropriations		Budget Committee's Appropriations		
		Prior Year As	Expenditures	Prior Year	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	
Sanitation									
4321	Administration								
4323	Solid Waste Collection	92,000	102,051		111,217		94,000		17,217
4324	Solid Waste Disposal								
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up								
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal, Other								
Water Distribution & Treatment									
4331	Administration								
4332	Water Services								
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation, Other								
Electric									
4351-4352	Administration & Generation								
4353	Purchase Costs								
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance								
4359	Other Electric Costs								
Health/Welfare									
4411	Administration/Welfare	10,964	8,964		8,964		10,000		
4414	Pest Control								
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospital & Other	33,000	18,006		25,000		20,000		5,000
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance								
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments								
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other								
Culture & Recreation									
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	2,200	2,300		2,400		2,400		
4550-4559	Library	9,794	6,525		11,545		10,795		750
4583	Patriotic Purposes	300	181		300		300		
4589	Other Culture & Recreation								

ACCT.#	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3,V)	Appropriations		Actual	Selectmen's Appropriations		Budget Committee's Appropriations	
		Prior Year	As	Expenditures	Ensuing Fiscal Year	Ensuing Fiscal Year		
		Approved by DRA		Prior Year	(Recommended)	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	

Conservation

4611-4612	Admin. & Purchase of Nat. Resources								
4619	Other Conservation								
4631-4632	Redevelopment & Housing								
4651-4659	Economic Development								

Debt Service

4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes								
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes								
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	9,000			6,000		5,000		1,000
4790-4799	Other Debt Service								

Capital Outlay

4901	Land								
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment								
4903	Buildings								
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings								

Operating Transfers Out

4912	To Special Revenue Fund								
4913	To Capital Projects Fund								
4914	To Enterprise Fund								
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds								
4919	To Fiduciary Funds								

Operating Budget Total

1,006,383

1,039,907

934,148

940,366

40,374

ACCT. #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3,V)	War- rant Ar- ticle #	Appropriations Prior Year As	Actual Expenditures	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
Special Warrant Articles <i>Special Warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI as appropriations 1) In petitioned warrant articles; 2) Appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) Appropriations to or from a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) An appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a non-lapsing or nontransferable article.</i>						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		36,500	36,500	89,000	89,000
	Police Capital Reserve Fund	14			9,000	9,000
	Highway Dept Capital Reserve Fund	13			25,000	25,000
	Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund	12			30,000	30,000
	Library Capital Reserve Fund	6			25,000	25,000
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund					
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds					
	Other Special Warrant Articles					
4323	Recycle Center Project	7			11,200	11,200
4194	Fire Station Heating System	8			137,178	137,178
4194	Town Office Small Renovation Project	5			12,000	12,000
4194	Town Office Large Renovation Project	4			137,000	137,000
Special Articles Recommended 36,500 36,500 386,378 226,178 160,200						
Individual Warrant Articles <i>Individual Warrant Articles are not the same as Special Warrant Articles. An example of an individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one-time nature you wish to address individually.</i>						
4312	Road Paving	9			45,000	45,000
4312	Road Ledge Pack	11			40,000	40,000
4140- 4149	Record Restoration	16			3,000	3,000
4140- 4149	Town Clerk Stipend	17			500	500
Individual Articles Recommended 88,500 88,500 88,000 500						

ACCT.#	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		870	500	500
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		2,995	2,500	2,500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		1,948	1,500	1,500
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 per cubic yard)			100	100
Licenses, Permits, & Fees					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		165,493	150,000	150,000
3230	Building Permits		175	100	100
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		4,889	4,500	4,500
3311-2219	From Federal Government				
From State					
3351	Shared Revenues				
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		60,353	50,000	50,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		123,766	105,000	105,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (including Railroad Tax)				
3379	From Other Governments				
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments				
3409	Other Charges				
Miscellaneous Revenue					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		117,981	15,000	15,000
3502	Interest on Investments		186	150	150
3503-3509	Other				
Interfund Operating Transfers In Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	7		11,200	11,200
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds: <i>Sewer</i>				
3914	From Enterprise Funds: <i>Water</i>				
3914	From Enterprise Funds: <i>Electric</i>				
3914	From Enterprise Funds: <i>Airport</i>				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	15	48,964	4,330	4,330
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		2,306	4,480	4,480
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				

ACCT.#	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds & Notes	3		296,000	296,000
	Amounts Voted from Fund Balance				
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes				
Operating Budget Total			529,926	645,360	645,360

BUDGET SUMMARY

Item	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Selectmen's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	940,366	1,039,907	1,006,383
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	36,500	386,378	226,178
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	30,000	88,500	88,000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,006,866	1,514,785	1,320,561
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	529,926	645,360	645,360
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	476,940	869,425	675,201

Vital Statistics

MARRIAGES

Person A's Name/Address	Person B's Name/Address	Town Issued	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
Spaulding, Daniel Grafton, NH	Song, Dojin Grafton, NH	Grafton	Grafton	3/8/2014
Phelps, Joe H. Grafton, NH	Mason, Kaetlyn K. Grafton, NH	Canaan	Canaan	7/2/2014
Morgan, Clayton Grafton, NH	McKinley, Danita Grafton, NH	Grafton	Grafton	10/25/2014

BIRTHS

No births.

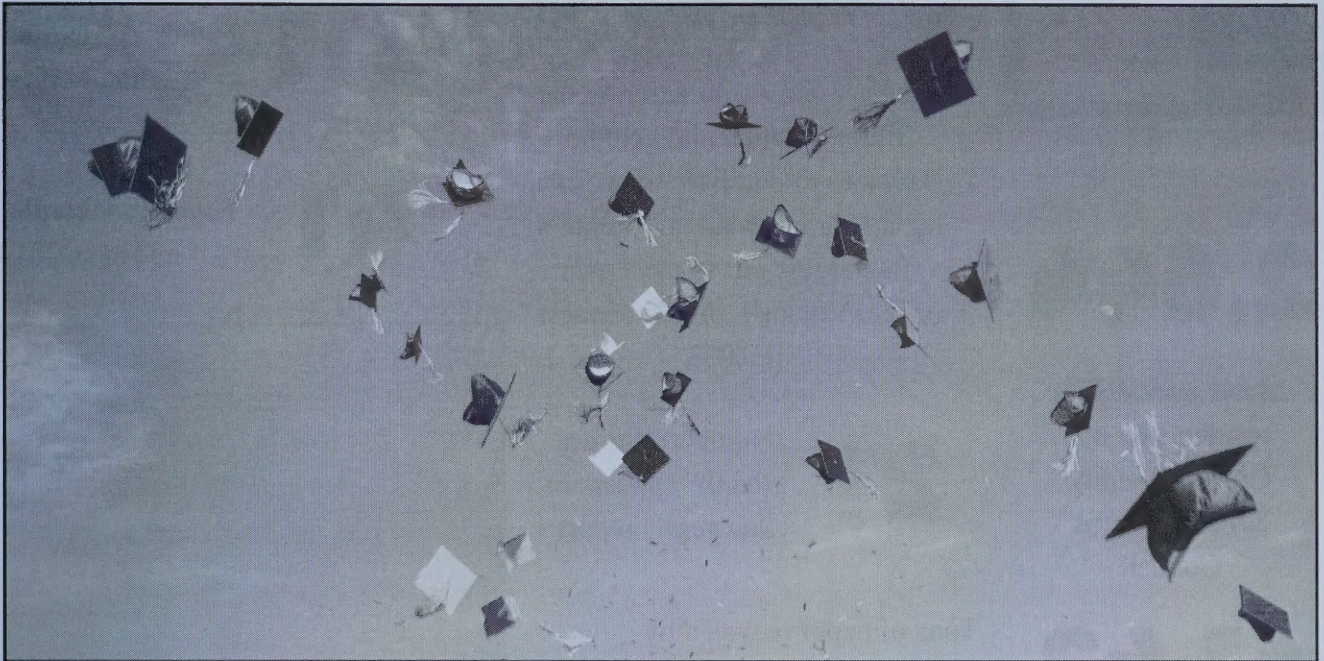
DEATHS

Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
Crimmins, Miriam	01/31/2014	Grafton	Martin, Louis	Garcia Pagan, Miguelira	N
Alexander, Richard	02/08/2014	Hanover	Alexander, Arthur	Sholes, Helen	Y
Barnes, Grace	04/22/2014	Lebanon	Hutchins, Algernon	Hill, Vera	N
Johnson, Lester	05/07/2014	Grafton	Johnson, Clarence	Turner, Anne	N
Robertson, Marcia	05/23/2014	Grafton	Carr, William	Foote, Dorothy	N
Hedstrom, Paul	06/22/2014	Lebanon	Hedstrom, Vern	Erickson, Vera	N
Sawyer, Paul	07/10/2014	Grafton	Unknown	Unknown	N
Merritt, Robert	07/15/2014	Grafton	Merritt, Earl	Welton, Ruth	N
Raftery, Barbara	08/10/2014	Grafton	Bassett, John	Parnaby, Margaret	U
Shaw Sr., Lawrence	09/21/2014	Lebanon	Shaw, Francis	Danish, Margaret	Y
Warren, Mary	09/22/2014	Lebanon	Keany, Walter	Isabel, Mary	N
White, Gladys	11/10/2014	Grafton	Bell, Frank	Littleton, Mary Jane	N

2014 MASCOMA VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Alexandra Psota	Allie Birch
Graeme Bignell	Taylor Averine
Benjamin Davis	Mariah Niemi
Gabrielle Forshee*	Nicole Farewell
Michaela Parrish	Daniel Brown

*denotes Ladies' Benevolent Society scholarship winner for top Grafton student



PUBLIC NOTICE

“Lots or parcels that were involuntarily merged prior to September 18, 2010 by a city, town, county, village district, or any other municipality, shall at the request of the owner, be restored to their pre-merger status and all zoning and tax maps shall be updated to identify the premerger boundaries of said lots or parcels as recorded at the appropriate registry of deeds.” RSA 206:5

The request must be submitted to the governing body prior to December 31, 2016

This notice is required to be published in the town’s 2011 through 2015 annual reports.





By the Numbers

\$42,000

Grant received by the Grafton Historical Society from LCHIP, to go toward restoration of the East Grafton Union Church

\$19,883

Total Moose Plate grants won by Bonnie Haubrich for the restoration of Grafton's town documents, some of which date from the late 1700s

\$40,000

Chester Gray's donation to the library, which allowed the Trustees to purchase the corner lot at Library Road and Route 4; the largest gift to the Town since Volana Kilton's bequest in 1933

311

Number of cardholders at the library

41

Number of cardholders added in 2014

2,644

Meals provided to residents by the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council

21

Number of times "thank" appears in this year's report

61.42

Tons of paper recycled by residents, the equivalent of saving over 1,000 trees



22.79

Tax rate

\$836,587.94

Delinquent taxes owed to the Town

76

Percentage of town land enrolled in current use

Number of barns benefitting from NH's Barn Tax Incentive, which reduces the assessed valuation of a barn in return for a temporary easement

1



New Hampshire State Library



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